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Political Sparks Fly Over Euro

To Fight a Deal, Bundesbank **Rethinks Support for Currency**

By John Schmid

FRANKFURT — The possibility that a brokered deal might split the term of the European central bank president has so angered some members of the Bundesbank's goveming council that they are considering asking for fresh debate on the central bank's qualified support for the euro.

The newspaper Bild am Sonntag reported Sunday that the Bundesbank's president, Hans Tietmeyer, had sent a letter to Chancellor Helmut Kohl saying the Bundesbank would reconsider its recommendation on the euro Thursday, a day before European leaders will meet to officially select countries for the single currency COUNTDOWN TO THE EURO starting Jan. 1.

In confirming the thrust of the Bild am Sonntag report, a well-informed source who asked not to be identified said a Bundesbank council member would raise an objection Thursday at a meeting of the council to what he saw as a violation of the future bank's independence. That board member is expected to argue that the validity of his vote for the

Bundesbank to endorse the euro project was threatened by the proposed compromise over the presidency. The motion by the board member, in turn, threatens to open a debate by the full 16-member council over the general

validity of the March 26 endorsement, which has proven essential for German lawmakers to back the project. Finance Minister Theo Waigel said be knew about a plan for the central bank to hold yet another debate over the euro but declined to elaborate. "I am aware of this event, but I will not discuss any details," Mr. Waigel told Renters.

The Bundeshank issued a carefully worded denial of the Bild account, saying without elaboration that the report "in this form" was not accurate.

Leading Bundesbank officials in recent days have stressed their opposition to any tinkering with the proposed eight-year term of the European bank presidency. Bild am Sonntag quoted a Bundesbank council member, Reimut

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Room to Maneuver Shrinks As Bonn-Paris Tension Grows

By John Vinocur

BRUSSELS -- Their faces almost touching, Jacques Chirac and Helmut Kohl shouted accusations at one another while their petrified cabinet ministers watched. The argument in the corridors of a European summit meeting 16 months ago was described as reaching such dangerous oportions that one of Mr. Chirac's aides slapped him on

the shoulder, telling him to stop. The clash in Dublin in December 1996 over details of the so-called stability pact that lays ont economic performance

targets for countries involved in the planned European monetary union is disclosed in "Le Roman de l'Euro" hy Gabriel Milesi, a new book about the creation of Europe's single currency.

Assuming the account is accurate, it illustrates

the enormous tensions that have surrounded the arrival of the euro, the fears and distrust felt in France and Germany about giving up economic sovereignty in exchange for uncertain calculations as to bow the new money and associated insotutions could limit or decrease their power as nations.

Those tensions are at their highest this week, leaving attendon focused on monetary union's contradictions rather than its expected accomplishments.

Six days before a summit meeting here at which the European Union is to officially name the 11 countries that will adopt the euro and choose either Wim Duisenberg of the Netherlands or Jean-Claude Trichet of France as president of the new European central bank, the mood of the community was described as "rotten" by a high-ranking diplomat.

The diplomat said attempts to resolve the dispute over the bank's leadership were centered on a series of direct communications between the German chancellor and the French president. It is widely expected now that Mr. Duisenberg will be named the bank's first president Saturday. But it was totally unclear what kind of reconciliation, possibly involving a shortened term in office for the bank's

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Mr. Hoeppner, the Social Democratic premier, and his wife, Renate, beading to vote in Magdeburg in the Saxony-Anhalt elections Sunday.

Voters Give Kohl's Party 'Clear Slap' In State Vote

Foothold for Far Right; Social Democrats Gain **But Only Marginally**

> By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

BERLIN - In a key barometer of voter sentiment five months ahead of Germany's national elections, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's governing Christian Democrats suffered a serious defeat and the far-right German People's Union scored a stunning breakthrough on Sun-day in the Eastern state of Saxony-

The Social Democrats, who hope to break Mr. Kobl's 16-year grip on power this autumn, confirmed their status as the state's dominant party. Led by the state premier, Reinhard Hoeppner, the Social Democrats improved their share to about 36 percent, from 34 percent in 1994, but fell well short of what opinion polls had forecast.

The Chrisoan Democrats' share of the vote plunged to about 22 percent, a fall of more than 12 percentage points, compared with the 1994 election that reflected widespread dismay with record levels of joblessness in one of Germany's poorest states. Unemployment in Saxony-Anhalt, once the industrial heartland of Communist East Germany. has soared to 25 percent, the highest rate among Germany's 16 states.

The Party of Democratic Socialism, the former Communists, sustained their position as the third-largest party, with about 20 percent of the vote, hut the Greens and Mr. Kohl's governing partner, the Free Democrats, failed to clear the 5 percent hurdle needed under German electoral law to enter the state

assembly, according to early returns. But the biggest surprise was the extraoidinary hreakthrough by the German People's Union, a fiercely antiimmigrant group of rightist nationalists who rose from obscurity to win about 12 percent of the vote. It has emerged in recent years as the fastest-growing party on the far right, feeding on voter resentment toward the 9 million foreigners in Germany, who are accused by tist extremists of stealing jobs a

Mr. Clean, a Thai Policeman, Leads Fight on Corrupt Politics

By Joseph Kahn New York Times Service

BANGKOK - Lieutenant General Seri Temiyavej is a modest career police officer who makes an outlandish claim, at least for Thailand: "I have never

That is hard to prove, especially in a land of a thousand petty police injustices. But people seem to have faith in General Seri, who, as head of the Central Investigation Bureau, has be-come a national folk hero since the country's economy went into a downward spiral last summer.

He has a fan club, the Friends of Seri. form effort that shows signs of dra- analysts say, and Thailand had the corruption is the single most important with 2,000 members. He is the subject of a biography and a television series and he is a regular oo the television talkshow circuit. He has dogged underworld bosses, pursued top bankers and bureaucrats once considered untouchable, even leveled graft accusations against fellow policemen. An assassi-

nation attempt only raised his profile. These days, his fans include Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai, who promoted the general to the top of the police minister late last year. Now, the general determination to skim it. Minor cor-

matically reshaping the government by attacking Thailand's notoriously corrupt political system.

Indeed, while many Thais and foreign investors expect that more-opeo markets, better regulation and more competitive companies will emerge from today's financial morass, the most tangible changes may not be economic

at all, but political and legal. Many Thais would agree that their troubles have less to do with their ability to create great wealth than their leaders has become a leading symbol of a re-roption actually promotes growth, some

world's fastest-growing economy for oearly a decade.

But as the country grew richer, its corruption became extravagant to the point that some see it as a direct contributor to the meltdown. Many suspect that government regulators, in return for favors, overlooked shoddy hank management that contributed to the financial system's collapse. Across this city are ill-cooceived infrastructure projects that lined politicians' pockets but sapoed the government's financial

strength. "It would not be wrong to say that reason for our economic meltdown." said Pasuk Phongpaichit, an economist at Chulalongkorn University in

Bangkok. "We now have the best opportunity in modern history to do something about it. I even feel a little hit Her optimism, echoed by several oth-

er Thai leaders, is based on two new realities. The first is the police's fresh zeal in pursuing corruption against senior officials. The second is the passage of a new constitution, drafted l

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AGENDA

Lebed Is Leading, **But Runoff Likely**

KRASNOYARSK, Russia (AP)-Russia's former security chief, Alexander Lebed, led Sunday in the race for governor of a Siberian region, hut appeared headed into a runoff against the incumbent.

With 75 percent of the votes counted, Mr. Lebed was leading Valeri Zubov, the incumbent, 44 percent to 36 percent. There will be a runoff within two weeks if no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote.

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Alexander Lebed, left, listening to a voter Sunday in Krasnoyarsk.

Iraqi Lavishness Hurts Sanctions Case

By Robin Wright and Craig Turner

Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON - As Iraq tries to persuade the United Nations this week to lift economic sancoons on the country, Iraqi leaders are facing a growing public-relations problem: New indications of lavish spending by President Saddam Hussein and his inner circle undercut their claim that the embargo has brought severe hardships.

The sanctions, up for review at the United Nations on Monday, are expected to be renewed because Iraq has not destroyed all of its weapons of mass destruction as required under the ceasefire agreement that ended the Gulf War

Although the debate is to focus on compliance with the weapons requirements, some allies view the suffering cansed by the sanctions as a reason to ease the embargo.

Eight years after the United Nations

imposed the sanctions, Iraq has lost an estimated \$115 hillion in oil revenue. Iraqi leaders contend that the sanctions are responsible for food shortages, malnatrioon and premature deaths.

The sanctions have taken an enormous toll on the Iraqi people. But Westem diplomats and specialists on the region say that many other factors are also responsible, including government inefficiency, domestic repression, ethnic discrimination — and spending hy Mr. Saddam on such comforts as new palaces, which envoys were given access to for the first time this month.

Inside the compounds, envoys found imported marble, posh furnishings and elaborate landscaping, all paid for during the period the sanctions have been in

There are other examples as well. When the Iraqi deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, traveled from Baghdad to New York in November to complain 10 the UN Security Council about the sanctions, he made the last leg of his trip, from Paris, on the world's most luxurious jetliner.

The Air France Concorde offered Mr. Aziz and his seven aides pampered service, haute cuisine and wines from the cellars of the best French chateaux. The round-trip fare per person, ac-

cording to the airline, was \$8,453.20. Clearly, diplomats and observers say. Mr. Saddam and his inner circle have escaped the most punishing restrictions. But in the hattle to influence world

public opinion, they have exploited the hardships of ordinary citizens. About the same time that Mr. Aziz was flying to New York, for example, Iraqi officials in Baghdad esconted U.S. and European

journalists through the fly-infested pediatric ward of a hospital and blamed a growing list of malnutrition cases and medical shortages on the sanctions.

Also around that time, government organized demonstrators paraded empty children's coffins through the streets to dramatize the fact that deaths among children under age 5 in Iraq rose from 7,000 in 1989 to 57,000 in 1996, according to statistics provided by Iraq 10 Unicef.

"Iraq has been utterly brilliant in the way it has played the sanctions card, said a Western diplomat who recently left Iraq. "It has turned punishment into a virtual asset in winning back acceptability and even helping the regime sur-

Unicef estimates that more than 1 million children under age 5, or nearly onc-third of all the children in that age group in Iraq, are chronically malnourished. But diplomats and aid workers have raised questions about the

Many children in Baghdad hospitals

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Starr Questions Hillary Clinton 5 Hours

and Susan Schmidt Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The independent counsel Kenneth Starr and his deputies have quesconed Hillary Rodham Clinton under oath for nearly five hours at the White House as prosecutors appeared to be nearing a possible decision on whether to seek to indict her in the Whitewater investigation.

The afternoon-long interview Saturday, which was videotaped so that it can

be shown to a grand jury in Little Rock, centered on Mrs. Clinton's legal work when her busband was governor of Arkansas. The four-bour, 40-minute session was the sixth time the first lady has been interviewed by the independent counsel's office, but it was ber longest meeting with prosecutors to date and came just two weeks before the grand jury's term is due to expire.

The fact that Mr. Starr would conduct such a long interview at this juncture in his four-year inquiry — even as his staff has been consumed with the Monica Lewinsky investigation - suggested be is acting with an eye toward making a decision on whether to bring charges against Mrs. Clinton before the Little Rock grand jury disbands May 7.

[Orrin Hatch, a Republican and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said in a broadcast interview Sunday he did not believe Mrs. Clinton would be indicted, "no matter how much ber fingerprints are on almost everything from Whitewater up to now."

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But Baghdad Repeats Threat

BAGHDAD - Iraq again demanded an end to United Nations sanctions against it on Sunday and said warnings that its foes would pay a heavy price if the sanctions were maintained should be taken seriously.

The Iraqi culture and information minister, Humam Abdul Khaleq Abdul Ghafur, said that UN Security Council deliberations in New York on Monday should focus only on lifting the emhargo. He said visits hy UN inspectors to eight so-called presidential sites in recent weeks had shown that no weapons were hidden there. In Washington, Defense Secretary

William Cohen said Sunday that Iraq had failed to meet UN requirements on the destruction of nerve gas and other weapons of mass destruction.

He said on Fox Television that President Saddam Hussein had previously acknowledged that Iraq had 50 Scud missiles with chemical warheads, 25 missiles armed with hiological agents,

and 4 tons of VX nerve gas.
Mr. Cohen said Iraq "has to show where, when, how all these systems were destroyed." He said a report hy the head of the UN inspection teams, Richard Butler, which was to be de-bated at the UN on Monday, showed those obligations had not been met.

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On the Pharmaceutical Frontier, Looking for Keys to Quality of Life

eyes and bones. In sbort, they hope to

treatments is under development.

By Justin Gillis Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Find a sympathetic doctor these days and head down to the corner drugstore with a few prescriptions in hand, and you can walk out with a sack of goodies that promise to make life better.

There's Propecia, a \$50-a-month treatment to make a balding man's hair grow logy. The products on the market now back. There's a prescription cream called are merely the first wave. In the lab-

Retin-A to make wrinkles fade. There's oratories of U.S. drug and biotechno-Prozac for positive thinking and a new drug that can make people thinner. There is also Viagra, an impotence

treatment that some urologists say will make sex better even for men who are not impotent. For that matter, it may make sex better for women who take it. This is the new frontier of drug de-

Taking advantage of growing knowledge of the body's elementary processes, scientists at these companies say they expect to be able to restore joints damaged by arthrios, lower the body's "set point" to banish flab, grow new velopment: quality-of-life pharmacoblood vessels to replace ones that clog up, stop age-related degeneration of the

keep people looking and feeling vigorous well into the decades that used to logy companies, a dazzling array of new be regarded as old age. Among scientists there is not much

question that a lot of this will happen the only real question is how soon. "Where all this technology is taking

us is into a series of qualitaove improvements in people's lives," said William Haseltine, head of Human Genomes Sciences Inc. of Maryland, a company in the vanguard of the oew pharmacology.

"We'll be using our knowledge to help the body rebuild itself."

Yet this push for quality-of-life drugs raises vexing new questions for the health-care system. Foremost is the issue of cost. Drug and hiotechnology companies are investing billions to develop the new treatments, in part be-

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extraordinary prices to get them.

cause they realize that people will pay







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Unexpected Success Story / Nearly a Million From Former Soviet Republics

'The Russians' Keep Coming and Changing Israel

By Lee Hockstader Vashington Post Service

AIFA, Israel — Like a huge earthquake followed by endless aftershocks, Mikhail Gorbachev's decision to allow Jews to leave the Soviet Union en masse nearly a decade ago has reshaped the political, cultural and economic landscape of Israel and continues to redefine the state. Both in its massive scale — nearly a million

former Soviet immigrants will have arrived hy 2000 — and its astonishingly high educational and professional quality, the Russian influx is unlike any previous surge of immigration to Israel, which this week celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding.

Even now, immigrants from the Soviet successor states cootinue to land at Ben-Gurioo International Airport at a clip of more than 150 a day, dwarfing all other current immigrant groups to Israel and altering neighborhoods, offices and

the country's political calculus.

The "Russians," a generic term encompassing immigrants from all 15 former Soviet republics, have confounded expectations in Israel. Having once been seen as a threat to jobs wages and prosperity, they have in fact helped reinvigorate the nanon's economy.

For immigrants who arrived in the early

1990s, the unemployment rate, about 7 percent, is below that of other Israelis. Most have bought their own apartments. Half owo cars. The oocegaping disparity in earnings is closing as Russians steadily move up the corporate ladder.

'If you lonk at the U.S., France, Germany or Canada, their immigrants are always less skilled than the narive popularioo," said Rachel Friedberg, an economist at Brown University in Rhode Island. "But the Russians are actually more skilled than native Israelis — more en-gineers, more musicians, more physicians. Over time they've done incredibly well."

From its founding in 1948, Israel has been a country of immigrants, and it remains emphatically so today. Half the exceptionally young population of 5.9 million was born elsewhere. Nearly all the cabinet ministers in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government are immigrants or the sons of immigrants from a broad spectrum of the Jewish diaspora — Russians, Ukrainians, Moroccans, Yemenis, Spaniards, Tunisians, Austrians, Hungarians, Iranians, Romanians and Kurds,

MMIGRATION is central to Israel's selfimage and to its drive and ambition. It is also a wellspring of heartache, social upheaval and political tension.

The myth of an Israeli melting pot, nurtured for decades by Jews who flocked to the new country seeking social harmony in a land of their own, has yielded to a harsh new reality: a culture at once richer and more diverse, but also far more halkanized than its founders ever imagined. Just look south of Tel Aviv, to the town of Bnei Ayish, where a construction manager from Moscow who barely knew what a bar mitzvah was a decade ago



Michael Kagan, center, the first Russian hired in Israel by Intel Corp., in 1983, sitting with some of the 150 other Soviet immigrants who work for the technology company now

Netanyahu Rejects Any U.S. Pressure

JERUSALEM—Prime Minister Benjamin
Netanyahu urged the United States on Sunday
oot to put pressure on Israel to widen the scope
of its long-delayed troop withdrawal in the
West Bank.
"I hope that the United States sticks to its

position that Israel and Israel alone must determine its security and its redeployment," he iold the U.S. Fox news channel before a scheduled meeting with the U.S. peace envoy Den-

"I assure you that we will do our utmost hot I will not go beyond those things that I think might jeopardize Israel's security," Mr. Net-

In an unpublished U.S. package deal to open negotiations on a final Israeli-Palestinian peace accord, Washington is reported to want Israel to withdraw its forces from an additional 13 percent of the West Bank uoder interim agreements. Israel, citing security problems, has called the 13 percent figure unacceptable. Mr. Ross was back in the region to prepare the ground for separate talks Mr. Netanyahu and the Palestinian president, Yasser Arafat, will hold in Londoo on May 4 with U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

is now on the verge of becoming mayor, Grigori Lifshits arrived in Israel in 1992 and moved to Bnei Ayish, which consisted of a few hundred families, most of them immigrants from Yemen who settled there in the late 1950s. The families lived in bungalows, worked in the groves and fields outside town, kept kosher kitchens, sent their kids to a religious school and

attended synagogue regularly.

Mr. Lifshits, now in his late 40s, represented a new breed of immigrant for Bnei Ayish — urban, professional, college-educated and secular. Few of us knew the first thing about Judaism

in Russia," said Mr. Lifshits, who is one of just a handful of Russians in Bnei Ayish who wears a

The Russian settlers in Bnei Ayish soon became a flood and the Yemenis who had been there for years began talking about a "Russian takeover." What had been a settlement of 1,500 people swelled to a town of 7,000. Three-story apartment blocks - referred to by the Yemenis as "high-rises" - sprouted to bouse the new-

comers. The apartment blocks were in the south-

west of town; the Yemenis' bungalows were in

In their part of town, the Russians opened delicatessens — one called Arbat, after Moscow's famous pedestrian street — selling ham and bacon. Few attended synagogue; almost none kept a koshr kitchen. They built secular schools for their children. They opened a oew community center where the lingua franca was Russian and the sport of choice volleyball.

Swamped by the newcomers, the Yemenis despaired. Nearly two-thirds of the town is now

Junta Foes In Nigeria Call Protests For May Day

Secret Exercise

LAGOS — Nigeria's main opposition group called Sunday for May Day
protests against the country's military
ruler, General Sani Abacha, and said it
was happy that so many voters had
boycotted the elections held Saturday.
The United Action for Democracy
said it would begin its protest this week
with strikes and demonstrations Friday.
The group was behind the call to
Nigerians to boycott the national-assembly elections Saturday. Turnout was
very low across the country of 104 mil-

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lion people.

The success of the elections had been The success of the elections had been viewed by local media and analysts as a test of support for General Abacha's plan to restore civilian rule. Last week, all five of Nigeria's registered parties the adopted him as their only candidate in the presidential elections set for Aug. I. "I am disappointed in the low turnost of people," said Lieutenant General Jererniah Useni, minister for the capital, Abuja, and one of General Abacha's closest aides and most enduring allies.

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"I expected to see a large tamon from voters," he said. "I don't reale

from voters, he said. I don't reale know the reason for this turnout."

Official voter-turnout figures are often not made public in Nigerie, but officials of the government's electoral commission said privately that the turnout Saturday might have been the lowest in any Nigerian election since the country's independence from Britain in 1960.

■ Expression of Displeasure James Rupert of The Washington Post reported earlier from Lagos; The fact that Nigerians largely ignored

the vote was seen by political analysts as a new sign that the declared transition lo civilian rule had lost public credibility: Some Nigerians, as well as some U.S. policymakers, had expressed hope that General Abacha might permit a degree

of political competition during the tran: But General Abacha's emergence as the only legal candidate for president makes the transition a sham, according

to many Nigerians. Nigeria's main city, Lagos, was eerily lifeless, with few people on the streets on voting day. Most people in-terviewed said they would not vote.

"These parties are all the same. I don't want anything to do with this," said Olu Akinyemia, a pedestrian.

The election included elements of the

farcical. The electoral commission did not announce the final list of approved candidates until Thursday, less than 48 hours before voting started.

And no one knows the exact duties of the legislature that was being chosen Saturday, because General Abacha is keeping secret the 1995 draft consti-tution under which the civilian government is to operate. Still, the goverament-owned Daily Times declared that the election "is considered crecial because of the elevated status" that the legislature is believed to have been accorded by the constitution.

'Abacha has set the stage to install himself as the next president," said Emma Ezeazu, a leader of the pro-democracy lobby Democratic Alternative But deep discontent among citizens and many military officers means "the stage also has been set for the transition process to be overthrown," he said.

Diplomats and scholars say any flaring of existing tensions could set off civil upheavals. Ethnic strains are considerable, notably among the Yoruba of southwestern Nigeria who long have felt excluded from power by northern mainly Hausa, elites. Feuds over land or political patronage frequently empt. Two explosions in markets in Lagos and the southwestern city of Ife killed nine people this week — a reminder of waves of bombings in 1996 and 1997.

Pro-Israel Lobby in U.S. Wields Discreet Power

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - For many Americans. there is a bedrock belief in the importance of the state of Israel and of America's commitment to

Of all the Jewish organizations devoted to channeling that popular opinion into American policy, there is none so influential, or so feared, as the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, known as AIPAC.

While the group's tacrics have sometimes been controversial, and some consider that its quiet power has made it insufficiently sensitive to the concerns of more liberal American Jews, AIPAC is a crucial actor. Founded in 1951, soon after Israel was born, AIPAC is the only registered Jewish lohby, dedicated to nurturing and preserving the American-Israeli relationship no matter what the government in Washington or

A glimpse into the group's power and current tactics came on the evening of March 29 as the Israeli government was trying to fend off the possibility of a public clash with the Clinton

administration over Israeli withdrawals from the

ambassador, Eliahu Ben-Elissar.

AIPAC was pressing senators to sign a letter urging President Bill Clinton not to go public with an American proposal for a withdrawal that Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, would oppose. But fewer than 40 senators bad signed, and by some accounts this meeting was a strategy session to coordinate the lobbying ef-

A few days later, 81 senators had signed. While administration officials were privately annoyed by the pressure, and denied that Mr. Clinton wanted a public confrontation with Israel, they were also impressed by the number of signatures — as AIPAC meant them to be.

Mr. Clinton's special Middle East envoy, Dennis Ross, was sent on yet another negotiating trip to the region, and there was a renewed effort by the administration and by Mr. Netanyahu to find a compromise. "We were doing that anyway, and told AIPAC so," said a senior administration official. "But the letter was meant as a shot across our bow."

The group's executive director, Howard Kohr, genially denies any untoward complicity

West Bank. Senior Israeli diplomats met with AIPAC leaders at the residence of the Israeli Fortune magazine bas called the second most influential lobby in Washington, just after the American Association of Retired Persons.

"Ambassador Ben-Elissar called us to ask what the letter was all about," said Mr. Kohr, who insists that neither Mr. Netanyahn's office nor AIPAC initiated the letter, which was sponsored by Senators Joseph Lieberman. Democrat of Connecticut, and Connie Mack, Republican of Florida.

Asked why the amhassador would call Mr. Kohr for a briefing, rather than the senators, Mr. Kohr answered, "No ooe knows more about the

Few in Washington would doubt him. AIPAC, with more than 55,000 members and a budget of \$14.2 million, calls itself "America's pro-Israel lobby." Its influence is legendary, built on grass-roots political organization, timely research and a network of active, articulate members.

AIPAC is oot a registered foreign lobby but an American organization that plays American politics without apology. Thus, it is sensitive to suggestions that it is too close to the Israeli

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for a negotiated settlement. Few of the new arrivals appear to feel sympathy for their Arab oeighbors or for the idea of trading West Bank

Peace activists assumed that the Russian Jews,

once an oppressed minority in the Soviet Union,

would identify with the Palestinians and press

Russian. In local elections this November, the

Russians will easily capture a majority of the town council seats. Mr. Lifshits, once a loyal

Communist Party member in Moscow, is the

odds-on favorite to become the new mayor.

"There are even rumors that they want to build an Orthodox church," said Yishiye Yidye, the

Yemeni deputy mayor who has watched the town's transformation with dismay. "This would be the worst thing that could possibly happen."

Mr. Lifshits scoffed at the idea of an Orthodox

church but acknowledged that cohabitation has been strained. "The tension hasn't reached the point of violence." he said. "But there is ten-

The bitter divisions within Israel, once

glossed over when Arab enemies loomed larger,

have been brought home to Israelis by the Rus-sians with all the subtlety of a poke in the eye.

The Russians oow comprise nearly a fifth of the nation's population. Many are ignorant of Judaism and at least a quarter of them are not even regarded as Jewish, including the husbands, wives and children of those who are.

Kuznetsov, a former Soviet dissident and political prisoner who is now chief editor of Vesti,

"Why shouldn't we fight and protest to ad-

vance our rights? If you're big enough you can

fight to keep your own culture. Is there tension?

Sergei Michael, a Russian immigrant and ac-

tivist in Israel's Labor Party, said: "The reality in Israel is many nations, societies and ethnic

groups actually opposed to each other. There's

no mosaic because the pieces don't fit."

It is dawning on Israelis that Russians not only

are making good much more quickly than was forecast, but also are redefining Israel and what it

One Israeli commentator, writing in the daily

newspaper Ha'aretz, likened the immigrants'

arrival to a \$10 billion aid program from the

former Soviet states. Economists regard the Russian immigration as an infusion of highly trained human capital that Israel itself could never have

The Russian impact has been felt everywhere.

from the northern town of Menulla, where Mo-

roccan children play ice hockey under the tu-

telage of Russian coaches, to the southern desert

city of Beersbeba, which says it is home to more

chess grandmasters than any place on earth, all

In the coastal town of Ashdod, Russians have started an international summer jazz festival.

now entering its fifth season. Nearby, in the Barzilai regional hospital in Ashkelon, a ma-

jority of the staff physicians are Russian, in-cluding the chiefs of the surgery and oncology

departments. In practically every corner of Is-

rael, native-born Israeli music teachers have

been squeezed out of business by a deluge of jobbungry Russian violinists and pianists willing to

As the immigration made itself felt, the ex-

pectations that attended the Russians' arrival ran full force into very different realines. Some

Israeli women's groups had hoped the new immigrants would swell their ranks and add muscle to the abortion-rights movement in Israel. But

The Israeli liberal establishment, descendants

of Europeans, saw the Russians as natural allies

who would help neutralize the growing influence of the Sephardin, immigrants from North Africa and the Middle East. But in the 1996

elections the Russians, in the form of a new party

called Yisrael B'aliyah (Movement for Israel

and Immigration), joined forces with the Seph-

ardim and helped elect Mr. Netanyahu, a con-

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ET THE Russians in Israel are so nn-

merous, and their sense of culture so

strong, that few feel ostracized. "Why

should we be integrated?" said Eduard

land for peace with the Palestinians. "There is a Soviet mentality that is still alive paternalism and territorial chauvinism," said Roman Bronfman, a political scientist who arrived from Ukraine in 1980. A member of Yisrael B'aliyah, he is a moderate member of Parliament. "Although the Soviet structure broke down, the mentality is much slower to die."

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The Associated Press MIAMI - Passengers on

an American Airlines flight from Cali, Colombia, almost got a freshly brewed cup of liquid heroin after 15 pounds of the drug were hidden in coffee packaging.

The flight crew brewed a package and noticed that the drink did not look right, an airline spokesman said. No passengers received it.

The flight was en route to Miami this month when the heroin was found. American has a program to combat drug smuggling. 'We spend mil-lions of dollars to avoid this,' the spokesman said.

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TRAVEL UPDATE

Slovenia Spends to Lure Tourists

the country, especially from the United States.

LJUBLIANA, Slovenia (Reuters) - The Tourist Board plans to spend 25 million Dentsche marks (\$14 million) over the next five years to promote international visits to Slovenia. The head of the state agency, Franc Krizan, said oot enough foreigners were aware of the attractions of the country, which is half the size of Switzerland but has both craggy mountains and seaside retreats. Other obstacles to tourism, he said, are outdated ski lifts and an insufficient number of direct flights to

The volcanic Mount Unzen was reopened to tourists Sunday, seven years after an eruption that killed 43 people. Japanese police said more than 1,000 people climbed the volcano, which an Unzen observatory official said is considered stable because its most recent major eruption was in February 1995.

Half a million tourists have visited Cuba so far this year, a 10 percent increase over the like period last year, the official daily Granma reported Saturday. The greatest oumber of vacationers came from Canada, it said. (AFP)

This Week's Holidays

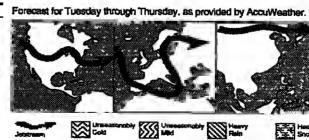
Banking and government offices will be closed or services curtailed in the following countries and their dependencies this week because of national and religious holidays:

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FRIDAY: All countries except: Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Baharnas, ermuda, Bhutan, Britain, Canada, Denmark, Georgin, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Indonesia, Iran, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Liberia, Libya, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlande, New Zealand, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tajikismr. Trinidad, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, United States. SATURDAY: China, Macedonia, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Ukraine, Yugo-

Sources: J.P. Morgan, Bloomberg, Reuters

WEATHER



North America

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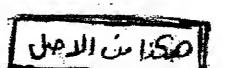
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THE AMERICAS

Secret Exercise Finds U.S. Can't Cope With a Biological Terror Attack

By Judith Miller and William J. Broad New York Times Service

NEW YORK — On a bright spring day last month, 40 officials from more than a dozen federal agencies met secretly near the White House to play out what would happen if terrorists attacked the United States with a devastating new type of germ weapon, gov-ernment officials say.

The results were not encouraging. Under the scenario, terrorists spread a virus along the Mexican-American border, primarily in California and the Southwest. After doctors diagnosed the epidemic as smallpox, the dreaded killer once thought to have been eradicated, vaccines were rushed in to immunize the population.

But what appeared to have been smallpox turned out to be a hybrid whose hidden side caused profuse bleeding and a high fever for which

there was no cure. As the scenario unfolded, officials playing the role of state and local officials were quickly overwhelmed by a panicked population, thousands of whom were falling ill and dying. Discovering huge gaps in logistics, legal authority and medical care, the officials began quarreling among themselves and with

Washington over how to stem the epi-demic. In truth, no one was in charge. The outcome of the exercise surprised some participants but illustrated what others had long suspected: The United States, despite huge investments of time, money and effort in recent years, is still unprepared to respond to hiological terror weapons.

The secret exercise, officials said. also underscored the need for a sweeping plan that President Bill Clinton is expected to approve this week. The goal of the two new "presidential decision directives," known as PDD-62 and PDD-63, is to enhance the country's ability to prevent chemical, hiological or cyber-weapon attacks, and if deterrence fails, to respond more effectively to the mayhem.

Mr. Clinton's interest, especially in germ warfare, has been deepened by books, aides said. The president was so alarmed by one of them — a novel hy Richard Preston titled "The Cohra Event" (Random House), which portrays a lone terrorist's attack on New York City with a genetically engineered virus — that he instructed intelligence experts to evaluate its credibility. Experts tend to disagree on the plausihility of such high-technology threats. But most agree that the danger will grow and that such an attack, if successful, could

be catastrophic.

Administration officials said the president had become increasingly worried by the idea of germ-wielding terrorists who might cripple the nation by sowing deadly epidemics.

Mr. Clinton's personal interest, officials said, has become a powerful force behind a series of secret federal meetings and directives meant to bolster the nation's anti-terrorism work, Mr. Clinton has also asked the National Security Council if more money is needed in this year's budget for anti-terrorism

During his presidency, terrorism has emerged as one of the country's thorniest security threats. In February 1993, a month after he took office, a terrorist bomh exploded under the World Trade Center in New York, killing 6 people

and injuring 1,000. In March 1995, a Japanese cult, Aum Shinrikyo, staged a stunning chemical attack on the Tokyo subway system, killing 12 and injuring 5,000. While the group used a lethal nerve gas, it turned out that it had also worked hard to make biological weapons, a realization that a senior administration official character-ized as a "wake-up call."

Then, in April 1995, terrorists blew up the federal office building in Oklahoma City, killing 168.

Apprehension about germs grew later in 1995 as Iraq admitted that it had built and hidden a large hiological arsenal and was prepared to use it during the Gulf War in 1991.

On June 21, 1995, Mr. Clinton signed PDD-39, which stated that the United States had "no higher priority" than stopping terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction. More than 40 agencies vied for a piece of the new federal pie, eager for part of the billions of dollars that Congress began appropriating for anti-terrorism programs.

The General Accounting Office, in a report in December, faulted the govemment for a serious lack of coordination in efforts to counter the terrorist threat. For instance, it said there was no mechanism to prevent huge duplication of effort in some areas and inaction in

Richard Falkenrath, executive director of Harvard's Center for Science and International Affairs and author of "America's Achilles Heel" (The MIT Press), a new book on high-technology terrorism, also criticized the govern-ment's efforts. "There is still no overarching federal blneprint for response, he said in an interview.

The government concedes at least some of its failings. According to a draft of an interagency study, government

counterterrorism programs suffer from a lack of intelligence-sharing and a lack of information about what individual terrorists or groups may be plotting. The

Washington Post reported Friday.
Last month's secret exercise, known as a "table top" — the civilian version of a military war game — used a genetically engineered virus, a mix of the

smallpox and Marburg viruses.

Dr. William Haseltine, a leading expert on genetic engineering whom the White House asked to review the scenario, said in an interview that it was realistic. "You could make such a virus today," he said.

'Any trained molecular virologist with a really good lah can do it."
But Dr. John Huggins, head of viral

therapies at the U.S. Army Medical Re-search Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Maryland, disagreed. 'Most of us think it's many years away," he said, adding, though, that using the conjectural hybrid in a worstcase federal exercise made sense.

Administration officials said the scenario was purposely intended to inflict a snhstantial disaster so as to stress the system and reveal weakness in emergency preparedness.

Among the shortcomings, officials said, were that in such emergencies nospitals would quickly exhaust supplies of antihiotics and vaccine. One participant said that it was very hard "to get trained, immunized medical staff into an infected area.

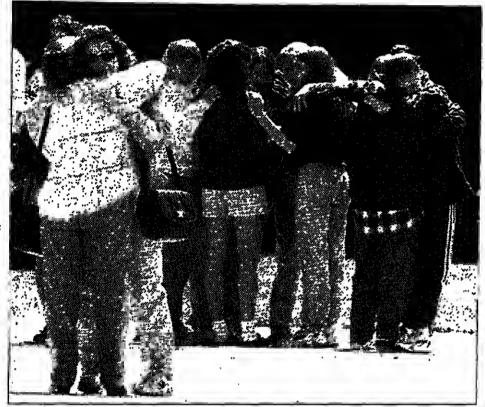
Federal quarantine laws turned out to be too antiquated to deal with the crisis and almost no state had serious plans for how to take care of the people it had isolated. In addition, what began as a domestic disaster rapidly spiraled into an international crisis as the epidemic threatened to spread into Mexico.

Mr. Clinton's deepening interest in such potential threats, aides said, led him to request a briefing by a panel of experts this month on the genetic engineering of biological weapons and related issues.

For 90 minutes on April 10, he questioned seven scientists and cabinet members about what a White House statement described as "opportunities and the national security challenges posed by ge-

netic engineering and biotechnology."

Those familiar with the final report said the panel had urged Mr. Clinton. among other things, to stockpile and develop the capacity to make antidotes, vaccines and antihiotics rapidly, bolster federal funds for drug and medical research, strengthen the public-health sector and streamline the government system for detecting and managing hiological crises.



Parents and pupils comforting each other before a counseling session at the Edinboro, Pennsylvania, school after a 14-year-old opened fire at a graduation ball.

Boy Kills Teacher in Dance Shooting

EDINBORO, Pennsylvania - A 14-year-old boy has been arraigned on murder charges after being accused of opening fire at an eighthgrade graduation dance here. A teacher was killed, and two other students

and another teacher were wounded. Andrew Wurst, a pupil at Parker Middle School, shot John Gillette, a science teacher, on a patio outside a hanquet hall, walked inside and fired several more sbots, left the building through a rear exit and was arrested

other charges, including three counts of aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, and firearms possession, and could be arraigned on those
charges later.

Teenagers were dancing when the
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first of several booms rang out Fri- Triston Lucas said. day night at Nick's Place, near Edinboro, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) north of Pittsburgh.

Sobbing girls in satin dresses and

side the hall. Some hid in a closet. Adam Sarren, 15, said the shots sounded like a cap gun. "It was

pretty horrible. It was like a nightmare," he said. "We were all scared and crying and praying."
In the past six months, four students and a teacher were fatally shot

at a middle school in Jonesboro, Arkansas, three students were killed in a shooting at a high school in West Paducah, Kentucky, and two students were killed and seven wounded at a high school shooting in Pearl,

shortly thereafter, according to Mark
Zaleski, a police spokesman.

Mr. Zaleski said the boy, who was
arraigned Saturday, faced several

Mississippi.

A month ago, Andrew Wurst joked about killing people and then committing suicide, according to two boys who described themselves

Both boys, who attended counseling sessions at the school Saturday, said Andrew Wurst did not know Mr. Gillette, 48. Andrew terrified boys in neckties huddled out- Wurst never said he planned to kill at

the dance, nor had he identified any targets, the boys said.

Mr. Gillette, a teacher for 27 years who had organized the dance, was shot in the head. Two 14-year-old boys were

wounded by gunfire; one was grazed across the abdomen and the other shot in the foot. Both were treated at a hospital and released. A female teacher was grazed by a hullet and did not need medical treatment. Andrew Wurst, who carried a .25-

caliber handgun registered to his father and a small amount of marijuana, was caught in a field behind the hall just after the shooting by the owner of Nick's Place, James Strand, who carried a shotgun, Andrew Wurst, of nearby McKean.

was charged as an adult with criminal homicide and jailed without bond. School officials did not know

what motivated the shooting. On Saturday, hundreds of parents, students and teachers gathered at the school to meet with counselors. Outside the school, the district super-

(AP. AFP. Reuters)

4-Year-Old Shoots Playmate to Death

GREENSBORO, North Carolina - A boy was fatally shot on his sixth hirthday by a 4-year-old using a handgun that the boys had found in a purse, the police here said.

Police officers and rescue work-ers found Carlos Gilmer's body in his house Saturday. Witnesses said the 4-year-old was playing outside shortly after the shooting.

The police said the 4-year-old

playmate shot Carlos in the neck.

They always used to come up

to me going, 'Pow! Pow!' Tabatha White, a 12-year-old neighbor, said of the boys. "He probably went up to Carlos and did the same thing."

Carlos's godmother, Beulah Lindsay, who neighbors said was his main caretaker, was preparing for Carlos's party at the time of the

The police would not say who owned the gun but said they were considering charging its owner under a state law that prohibits leaving guns accessible to minors.

Away From Politics

· Rick Searfoss, commander of the space shuttle Columbia, repaired a critical air purifier after it failed and threatened to cut short Columbia's 16day science mission. Columbia is due to land next Sunday.

 A study of thousands of nurses provides evidence that obesity greatly increases the risk of asthma, Harvard researchers say. The study found obese people at least three times as likely as the average person to get asthma. (AP)

• A motor yacht used by former President John F. Kennedy was sold for \$167,000 to an anonymous huyer at an auction in New York.

A 10-mile section of the Mississippi River was closed to all boat traffic Saturday because 13 of 130 barges that had broken loose from their moorings were still missing. · An apartment-house owner, Geof-

frey Ferguson, 47, of North Carolina, was convicted of killing five men in a rent dispute in 1995 and hurning down the huilding to cover up the crime.(AP) • A man was charged with stealing

more than 1,000 telephone calling-

card numbers, many by looking over the shoulders of callers at a New York City railroad station, officials said. He

was accused of using the numbers to

make calls worldwide.

POLITICAL NOTES

Guest Named Paula Fails to Faze Clinton

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton was the most anticipated speaker Saturday night at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner, but the center of attention was in the back of the room, where Paula Jones dined and drew stares and conversation from a steady stream of curious bigwigs.

Mrs. Jones, a guest of Insight magazine, had last been in the same room with Mr. Clinton on Jan. 17, when she spent six hours in the office of Mr. Clinton's lawyer, Robert Bennett, for Mr. Clinton's deposition in her lawsuit. Her sexual harassment case against the president was dismissed in Arkansas on April 1, but she plans to appeal.

Saturday, the paths of Mr. Clinton and Mrs. Jones did not cross.

Mr. Clinton did not directly mention Mrs. Jones in his humorous speech, saying he was hlissfully unaware of the events of the last few

What Volunteers?

PHILADELPHIA — One year ago this week, three presidents, half the

cabinet, 30 governors and hundreds of other prominent Americans descended on gritty Germantown Avenue here to set an example of vo-lunteerism that would spread across the nation and change the lives of millions of poor children.

More than 5,000 volunteers wielded trash bags and paint rollers to erase 8.5 miles (14 kilometers) of urhan blight as the highlight of a three-day meeting aimed at creating a voluntary national commitment to belp needy youth.

Now the administration marks the first anniversary of the volunteer effort and it is clear that the vast army of volunteers that would clean up hlighted areas of America has not materialized.

The impact of the volunteer effort has been far from clear.

What is known in Philadelphia is that the most important goal, connecting needy children with caring mentors, mtors and coaches, is far from being realized.

Quote/Unquote

Michael McCurry, the White House spokesman, after Buddy, the White House Labrador puppy, was neutered over the weekend: "Buddy is happy and doing well and is still very much an affectionate dog."

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AMERICAN TOPICS

Hispanic TV Turns Trendy

It would have been unimaginable a dozen years ago: the top-rated tele-vision station in a major American city broadcasting in Spanish.

WLTV of Miami, which is owned by the Univision nerwork of Los Angeles, finished first in the February ratings "sweeps," beating six English-language stations and one Spanish-language competitor. It was the first time, The Washington Post reports, that a station broadcasting in a language other than English in a major American city had finished with the highest average ratings over a monthlong period.

The results in Miami illustrate two

social trends. Most ohviously, the Spanish-speaking population is growing rapidly, with Hispanics eventually expected to overtake blacks as the country's largest minority. In Miami, about 30 percent of 1.4 million television viewers are Hispanic.

Also, a television culture once dominated by three networks - ABC, CBS and NBC — has splintered into scores of pieces, as cable and satellite television offer the average viewer a choice of many dozens of channels.

Short Takes

The Sierra Club has voted down a controversial proposal that would have called for strict curbs on U.S. immigration. Members of the environmental clinh voted by 60 percent to 40 percent against the measure. Backers of the initiative argued that the country could not slow down the de-gradation of natural resources, halt urban sprawl and protect wildlife habitat without stabilizing population growth.
The club's president, Adam Werbach, called the measure "horrendous," and threatened to resign if it passed. He and other opponents argued that the measure failed to look at the global impact of immigration restrictions, and said it would have painted the 550,000-member organization as elitist and racist.

San Francisco has set up emergency "pigeon patrols" after dozens of birds have been found poisoned by birdseed laced with strychnine. Animal control officers have seen pigeons plummet out of the sky after ingesting the poison. The patrols, which include homeless people, have so far had no luck. But the killings have brought a wave of sympathy for a fowl with few friends. The San Francisco Chronicle has even editorialized in the pigeon's support "The city's domestic pigeons are not 'flying rats,' as some claim. Rather they are streetwise doves." It added that "merciless

ornithophobes" should be tracked down and prosecuted.

Native Americans converged on Albuquerque, New Mexico, over the weekend in what organizers said was the world's largest powwow. The Gathering of Nations drew tens of thousands of Indians, including more than 3,000 singers and dancers from more than 700 North American tribes.
"It's beautiful," said Princess Smilingwind of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe. "I see tomorrow's generation. I see proud families who took the time to teach their children their culture." In 1982, when the event began, only 1,200 Indians took part.

In a novel expansion of laws requiring sex offenders to register with the authorities, Governor Thomas Carper of Delaware has signed into law a bill that requires sex offenders in the state to be so identified on their driver's licenses. Delaware is among the 48 states that require sex offenders to register with local law-enforcement au-thorities so neighbors can be notified of offenders living near them. But the new measure is the first of its kind in the country, The New York Times reports. The American Civil Liberties Union, while expressing sympathy with the sentiment behind the law, protested that it was a violation of privacy.

Brian Knowlton

ASIA/PACIFIC

To Burmese Laureate, Junta Changed Only Its Name, Not Its True Colors

By Christopher S. Wren New York Times Service

RANGOON — The military junta that has governed Burma since 1988 recently shed its old identity as the State Law and Order Restoration Council, but its most celebrated opponent, the Nobel laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, has yet to see any difference.

Any hopes that the name change in December to the State Peace and Development Council presaged a more tolerant regime have been stifled by the junta's unrelenting efforts to isolate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991 for advocating peaceful democratic change in the country that she and almost everyone else still call Burma, but which the junta calls Myanmar.

While she was under house arrest, her National League for Democracy won

By Kenneth J. Cooper

Washington Post Service

sponsored talks between Afghanistan's

warring factions opened Sunday in the capital of neighboring Pakistan, with both sides pledging to seek a peaceful resolution to nearly a decade of civil

The delegates of the fundamentalist

Taleban regime and its military oppo-

sinon met all day at a government guest-

house for their first structured peace

talks since the Islamic militia captured

Kabul a year and a half ago.
The opening round of the preliminary

talks, scheduled to last from three to five

days, got hung np on how to consotute a

representative council that would ne-

godate a permanent settlement. Taleban

delegates insisted on including only Is-

lamic scholars, while opposition representatives argued for a broader mem-

bership including other experts, sources

Other items on a provisional agenda,

which has yet to be formally adopted.

were a cease-fire, exchange of prisoners

and removal of roadblocks to interna-

tional bumanitarian aid, according to

James Ngohi, the UN official presiding

over the talks along with Ibrahim Saleh Bakr of the Organization of the Islamic

The U.S. chief delegate to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, who this month became the first American cab-

inet-level official to visit Afghanistan in

more than two decades, won agreement

from both sides on opening peace talks in Islamabad before Monday. The date

marks the 20th anniversary of a Com-

Army and then among Afghan factions.

The U.S. involvement has distin-

warfare, first against the former Soviet instead of a religious one.

guished the latest talks from previous said. "Nothing can hring about such a

rounds in the last decade that have not result except the decision adopted in led to enduring peace. Agreements accordance with the law of Almighty."

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - UN-

Taleban and Rivals Vow

To Seek End to Conflict

Warring Factions Open Peace Talks in Pakistan

talks began.

the parliamentary elections in 1990 by a landslide. The military refused to step aside and has since decimated the opposition through arrest and imprison-

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was spared harsher treatment, associates say, because many Burmese revere her late father, U Aung San, who led the country's struggle for independence from the British in the 1940s. But since her house arrest was lifted in July 1995, the junta has kept her cordoned off from popular support as well as from her family.

It has been more than two years since she saw her husband, Michael Aris, a British Buddhist scholar at Oxford University. The military will not grant him a visa. Her soo Alexander has visited once since then, and her other son, Kim, twice, hut they too were turned down last Christmas

Her telephone is cut off. Friends say

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That assault and exchanges of artiflety it harrages earlier in the week appeared to

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Mr. Richardson when he met factional

leaders in Afghanistan on April 17, not-

to start military offensives before the

On Sunday, the leader of the Tale-

ban's five-member delegation, Wakil

Ahmad Mutawakil, referred to viola-

oons of what U.S. diplomats had de-

leader of the opposition's nine-member

mention the Taleban's assault the day before. The delegations did agree to

extend the moratorium on military of-

In their opening statements, both del-

egation leaders spoke of a desire for

peace, just as factional leaders have done

on many occasions in the past. Mr. Mut-

awakil said that representatives from the

the Taleban leadership has renamed the

country, "agree to work for the peaceful

resolution of the Afghan conflict." He

added, "We are willing to do it."
Mr. Shinwari said that opposition leaders sought the "peaceful conclusion

that everyone is expecting after 20

years' of warfare.
Mohammed Omar, the Taleban's top

leader, suggested in a statement cir-

culated at the talks that previous peace

negotiations had failed because they

were conducted in a political framework

about any positive result," Mr. Omar

Political dialogue "has not brought

Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan," as

fensives for the duration of the talks.

that she supports herself by writing articles for a Japanese newspaper and gets donations of rice, cooking oil and other staples from supporters. Last March, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, 52, injured her neck and back falling down the stairs of her house. Friends say she has re-

Three American journalists who tried to see her earlier this month were hlocked at a police checkpoint outside her home. In written replies to questions sent later through intermediaries, Daw Anng San Snu Kyi said that the road to her home has been sealed off for more

Technically, I am not under house arrest because I can go out and some visitors can come in to see me," she wrote. "But as you can see for yourselves, the authorities do not hesitate to keep out visitors whom they do not wish me to meet."

occasions prevented me from going to places they do not wish me to visit," she

The military government has also intimidated more supporters in recent weeks. [A leader of the National League for Democracy, Daw San San, in her late 60s, was jailed for 25 years, dissidents said last week. She was sentenced after she took part in a BBC interview critical of the junta, although a spokesman for the State Peace and Development Council said it was because she had breached conditions under which she was released in 1992 from a

previous 25-year sentence for treason.]
In March, U Soe Myint, a fellow member of the league's executive committee, was taken away for interrogation, and eventually released. About 40 student leaders were sent to prison for up to 20 years for allegedly plotting a

"The authorities have also on several bombing. Other students and Buddhist monks were arrested for distributing leaflets that advocated democracy. Universities have been closed since Decem-

ber 1996 to prevent student protests. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi called the latest arrests part of the consistently repressive climate. "Such things no looger surprise me," she wrote. "Only those who want to believe that there has been 'progress' in Burma would be sur-

The crackdowns come at a time when Asia's financial problems have spilled into Burma. Widespread human rights abuses hy the military led the United States to impose sanctions on Burma last year, but Daw Aung San Snu Kyi said that the junta's economic inepotude had wreaked greater damage.

"The whole economy was grossly mismanaged, even before the Asian fi-nancial crisis," she wrote. "The crisis

simply meant that things got from very, very bad to disconcertingly worse.' In Rangoon, the military has erected billboards exhorting Burmese to "oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views at accusations leveled at Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and her fellow democrats

The government was alarmed when representatives of Burma's ethnic minor ities succeeded in visiting her Feb. 12. The controlled press accused the democile cratic movement of trying to sow unresident among the minority groups, which have fragile cease-fires with the government

after years of armed insurgency.

A senior member of the National League for Democracy, who asked not to be identified, said that the league county ted nearly 2 million members before the military's 1988 coup. With 2,000 memory bers still in prison, he said, "We cannot say exactly how many have been left."

BRIEFLY

Seoul Prosecutors Can Question Former President, Minister Says

SEOUL — Justice Minister Park Sang Cheon gave his approval Sunday to prosecutors hoping to question former President Kim Young Sam over his alleged role in the South Korean financial crisis.

But Mr. Park told the Yonhap news agency that Mr. Kim would not be summoned for questioning at the prosecutors' office. 'If it's needed, the prosecution can ask him to submit written statements or visit him at his

Mr. Park's comment followed a monthlong government investigation of policy hlunders and alleged malpractice under the former president.

India Cracks Down on Tibetans

NEW DELHI .- Indian authorioes cracked down Sunday on Tibetans who have been on a hunger strike here since March 10, forcibly taking three of the six protesters to a hospital.

The move came ahead of a planned first trip to India by a Chinese army chief, prompting allegations that New Delhi had buckled under diplomatic pressure. The hunger-strikers have been demanding freedom for their homeland from Chinese rule. (AFP)

Albright to Head for China

BEUING - The U.S. secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, is to arrive in China this week to lay groundwork for a June visit hy President Bill Clinton.

Mrs. Albright, whose visit is planned for Wednesday and Thursday, will be the latest U.S. official to come to China in recent weeks seeking to huild on the warming trend until the arrival of Mr. Clinton. She is expected to press China on human-rights issues and is also scheduled to travel to South Korea and Mongolia.

For the Record

A South Korean ship on Sunday left the southern port city of Pusan for North Korea with a second batch of food aid promised in Red Cross talks last month in

President Jacques Chirac of France arrived in Tokyo on Saturday to start a five-day trip. Mr. Chirac is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto on Monday for discussions on the Asian economic crisis and

scribed as a "military standdown." The Mr. Mutawakil of the Taleban, left, shaking hands with Mr. Shinwari of the opposition in delegation, Fazi Hadi Shinwari, did not Islamabad on Sunday. Foreign Minister Gohar Ayub Khan of Pakistan is with them.

5 Students Seized After Sumatra Clash

MEDAN, Indonesia — Five

Indonesian students were taken away by what student leaders said were plainclothes security and economic reform -- issued a officials and two others were injured in escalating protests calling for the resignation President Suharto, witnesses said Sunday.

The five students were attend-

ing a campus meeting Saturday officers pushed protesters back hours Saturday after preventing in Medan, in northern Sumatra, onto the campus as they tried to about 500 protesters from leavwhen the unidentified men seized take to the streets. The statement. them, the witnesses said. The issued Sunday, demanded an meeting had been called after a apology for the police action.

campus hy several men before who threw stones at them. they were taken away," a witness

The Students Association of

the University of North Sumatra one of many campuses around the country where students have been demonstrating for poliocal statement demanding that security forces release the five students. It also hlamed the police for the

violence at the demonstration, during which about 500 police

They said that one student had meetings elsewhere in the counbeen hit in the back by a ruhber try were reported to have been

head wounds from police cluhs. Also in Medan, students of the private Sumatra Utara Islamic University demonstrated to demand the return of two students allegedly missing after being beaten hy police officers during

earlier protests. In Jakarta, the police detained about 40 students for several ing the campus of Ibou Chaldun University.

At Mataram University on the witnesses said the police had island of Lombok, at least 10 students.

Witnesses said the police had island of Lombok, at least 10 students were reported to have been injured in clashes Saturday.

Demonstrations and student hullet and another had suffered mainly peaceful. (Reuters, AP)

BOOKS

THAILAND: Mr. Clean Leads Fight on Political Corruption

roots coalition, that stands as one of the world's most detailed anti-corruption statutes.

Corruption is not a new issue in Thailand, nor will it disappear soon. As in many Asian countries that developed imperial governments based on the ancient Chinese model, Thai officials received appointment from above and remuneration from below. They collected taxes, kept some for themselves and passed the rest up the ladder. Although the bureaucracy has been modernized, officials still "eat the state," to use a local phrase.

The national police, in parocular, not only tolerate but actually institutionalize extra-hudgetary payments that are used for police officers' welfare, office renovations and holiday banquets, police officers and researchers say.

While Thailand is a democracy, its political system

almost openly huy votes. An most notable is a case in- sat on his desk. "I should official election commission estimated that political parties speot about \$1 hillioo to lure voters in the last national elections. Politicians their friends, and corruption scandals plague nearly every administration, critics say.

The best hope now for cleaning up the system may be General Seri. His hoyish face appears

regularly on the front pages of newspapers, one day counting hundles of cash seized in a bribery investigation, another after interrogating an Interior Ministry official on charges name is associated with virvestigation of public offi-

And he has made it his miscorruption cases, from petry he said in an integree in his vote buying to the higgest fi-

volving illegal logging along have complete authority to in-Thailand's border with Burma that has implicated officials in three recent administrations. He also oversees two

dozen investigations against former governor of the Central Bank suspected of involvement in last year's failure of the Bangkok Bank of Commerce, a scandal that foreshadowed the failure of the whole financial system.

General Seri is also trying to make his Central Investigation Bureau independent of the regular police. He says that the police often fail to of influence peddling. His ily intimidated by the rich. He has also sought powers vested tually every high-profile in- in the Interior Ministry, to which he technically reports.

should have the power to prosion to take on all kinds of tect very importantipeople,"

DAMASCUS GATE is deeply corrupt. Politicians nancial scams. Among the tain of black-bound case files vestigate any person, regard-less of how influencial."

He has been determined to attack corruption from the beginning. After a friend was killed hy Communist insurgents, Mr. Seri, then a young local policeman, volunteered repeatedly for military missions to root out guerrillas, work that his colleagues shunned. In the 1980s, as a relatively minor superintendent, he challenged the underworld kingpin of Thailand's

By the time he was transferred to a senior police post in Bangkok in the early 1990s, he had developed his own code. He insists that his officers sleep two or three to a hotel room to save money when traveling, for example, and rejects even token gifts from well-wishers.

stern seaboard.

Such standards made him unpopular with his colleagues. He became even less so after he accused several of them, including his senior commander, of corruption. Not surprisingly, General

threats. In 1991, a bomh exploded under his desk at Bangkok headquarters. He avoided injury because he had stepped out to attend a

Just as General Seri brings fresh vigor to law enforcement, the new constitution is eration and the organizer of overhauling the laws themselves. It passed Parliament at the height of economic despair late last year, defying early predictions that it could never win official hacking. It fringes of Europe. Unlike the will force legislators to resign before they accept cahinet posts, replaces the appointed senate with an elected one and requires all elected officials to disclose assets before and after taking public office. Still, General Seri puts

faith in the power of example.

He says he can deliver on at

least one promise: "The po-

By Robert Stone, 500 pages, \$26.

Houghton Mifflin.

OST, disaffected, often desperate, Robert Stone's characters tend to gravitate toward hot, volatile corners of the world — Vietnam, Central America, the Middle East - where they find themselves falling victim to bad faith, bad

They are people looking for love, money or drugs, the hig score or the great escape. But they are also people in search of something larger: some intimation of hope or faith, some hint that there is more to life than the hump and grind of daily existence.

Those spiritual yearnings help propel the tricky plot of Stone's latest novel, "Damascus Gate," a flawed hut often gripping thriller set in Jerusalem and Gaza against the backdrop of the intifada.

Stone's Jerusalem is a city of secret labyrinths and mysterious subcultures, a place of extremes, where bizarre alliances are quickly formed and even more quickly dissolved, a realm where misimpromation pasquerades as fact and

By Alan Truscott

A modern day Napoleon, in bridge terms, is José Damiani, the French presi-

dent of the World Bridge Fed-

the Generali Masters indi-

vidual tournament. He too is a

plans with precision for major

tournaments around the

original Napoleon, he has not

So far, his French troops

have been successful, winning world team titles in 1996

and 1997. The diagramed

had a major failure.

modern day Napoleon,

hustlers, fixers, con men anu New Age nuts: dreamers and agitators alike who come to its streets in search of "trophy experiences" and who find intrigue, trouble and occasionally renewal.

This hall of mirrors forms the backdrop against which Stone's hero, Christopher Lucas, and his friends will play out a deadly game of love and faith.

Along the way, they will be sucked into a dangerous religious and poliocal plot involving gun running, drug smug-gling and a threat to hlow up one of Jerusalem's holiest sites; it is a plot that will not only claim several lives, but also threaten to explode the region into millennial violence and rage.

Because Stone takes so much time giving the reader a sense of the many groups jockeying for position in Jerusalem and Gaza, and describing the tense policial situation (and the high stakes involved in his characters' high jinks). "Damascus Gate" gets off to a lum-

bering start.
Indeed, the first third of the novel is filled with exposition and explanacions, lots of portentous mambo-jumbo and labored descriptions of his characters' religious affiliations. One is constantly aware of all the research Stone must have done and his efforts to find a way to It is a magnet for pilgrims, tourists, turn it into a coherent parrative drama.

BRIDGE

As he has done so often, he begins by introducing the disparate members of his cast, cutting back and forth between the individual story lines that will eventually converge so noisily by the novel's end

The book's hero, Lucas, a free-lance journalist and lapsed Catholic, is a familiar Stonian figure: a professional of server, brooding, displaced and more lonely than he would like to admit, man without a story, secure from tribation able to account from tribation.

delusion, able to see the many levels." Once Stone has gone through the me-chanical process of introducing his char-acters and purely acters and putting various subplots into play, the book begins to take off. He is at his best when he's writing action scenes depicting his characters in extremis and using his reportorial eye to conjure up, the physical world around them.

The second half of the novel presents two dazzling set pieces: a harrowing trip," through Gaza that results in a moh lynching and a final chase scene through the streets of Jerusalem in a last-ditch effort

to prevent a bomh from going off. Although it takes Stone too long to set up all the pieces of his story, the patient reader is eventually rewarded. The end game he plays is masterly: thrilling, coiled and somehow both inevitable and surprising.

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Seepage of Missile Technology From Russia to Iran Comes Under Fire

By Michael R. Gordon and Eric Schmitt

MOSCOW - A truck laden with 22 tons of stainless steel that could be used to make missiles has been intercepted on ns way to Tehran, raising new questions about Russia's determination to end assistance to Iran's missile program.

U.S. officials warned the Russian authorides several days in advance that a shipment of steel, which they said was of a type particularly suited for use in making fuel tanks for Scud missiles, was expected to leave Moscow, based

on U.S. intelligence reports.

But the Russians say that the U.S. information was not detailed enough and that they were unable to stop the truck in time. It was impounded in late March after leaving Russia when customs officials in Azerbaijan stopped it from crossing the border to Iran.

Russia's failure to stop the shipment has become an issne in a broader debate about Moscow's promise to clamp down on the sale of missile technology to Iran

President Boris Yeltsin issued a de-fill its pledges to block the assistance. cree in January tightening controls on the export of missile-related technology to Iran. Moscow says that it is doing its best to prevent the seepage of such technology to Iran and that the Americans are too quick to politicize the

But U.S. officials say troublesome cases still remain. "It would not be accurate to say they are stonewalling us," a U.S. specialist said. "But it is a hard issue for them, technologically and politically. They want to preserve a reladonship with Iran. Some of the cases have gone away, but others remain on the table for us to discuss.'

The issue has important military implications for the Middle East, where Israel has expressed alarm that it may soon be within the range of Iranian

It is also emerging as the major obstacle in the already frayed U.S.-Russìan relationship.

U.S. lawmakers have threatened to impose economic sanctions on Russian enterprises or institutions that aid Iran's missile program if Russia does oot fulBut the Clinton administration strongly opposes that step, saying it would dis-rupt sensitive discussions between Washington and Moscow.

"It's a very serious problem for our relationship with Russia and for the security of the region," the Senate majority leader, Trent Lott, said in an in-

He said the Senate would vote in May on a resolution to impose sanctions "if there's not major progress made in the next 30 days."

The United States has long been

anxious about Moscow's close ties with Tehran. Washington has complained that Russia's plans to sell Iran up to four ouclear reactors will make it easier for the country to carry out a clandestine program to develop nuclear weapons, llegatious that Moscow rejects.

But the flow of Russian technology to Iran's missile program has also been a cardinal worry.

Iran has begun a program to build a missile dubbed the Shahab 3, which has a range of about 1,300 kilometers (800 miles) -- more than twice the range of a Scud missile and long enough to reach

Israel, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

The missile is based on a North Korean design, but Iran has also turned to Russia to develop the technology.

But the key question is whether Russia is cracking down as promised.
"The 13 cases which our American colleagues have so nicely informed us of have been considered, and we have provided detailed explanations," Yuri Koptev, the head of the Russian space agency and the top Russian official on the missile issue, said earlier this year. 'In the cases where we saw some doubtful aspect, these contacts were

Bnt when Robert Gallucci, the special U.S. envoy on the missile issue, met with Russian officials this week, a oumber of cases remained unresolved. U.S. officials, for example, are concerned that Iranians are still receiving training in propulsion and guidance technology at Baltic State Technical University in St. Petersburg and perhaps at the Moscow Aviation Institute.

The Russians have yet to complete their investigations of enterprises called

Polyns, which is suspected of providing navigation and guidance technology to Iran, and Ni Grafit, which makes material used to coat ballistic missile warheads. A shipment of the material from Ni Grafit was intercepted by the Aus-

trians on its way to Iran. The Russians have taken some steps. The government has expelled an Iranian student who was trying to buy missile technology and intervened to cancel an Iranian contract with NPT Trud, which makes missile engines.

U.S. officials say the case is more important as a political test of Moscow's will to act than for its military implications.

U.S. lawmakers, who have been briefed on the steel incident, portray it as an example of Russian incompetence or duplicity.

Russians say the critics are insensitive to the difficulties of preventing smuggling in a vast and unruly nation.
The case began when U.S. intelli-

gence learned about the plan to smuggle stainless steel to Iran. The steel can resist high temperatures, and U.S. experts say they believe that Iran intended

to use it to make fuel tanks for Scud missiles. U.S. sources say it was to be transported by company called Moso.

U.S. officials alerted Russian intelligence in March that the steel was to be shipped. But U.S. officials concede that they did not know all the details. The truck left Moscow several days

later for the long drive to Iran and managed to get out of Russia successfully. Azerbaijan notified the United States on March 26 that its customs officials had detained the truck on the

Azerbaijan-Iran border. Officials in Azerbaijan say the shipping documents misrepresented the type of steel. The shipper was identified as Europalas-2000, which U.S. officials

say was a front company. A sample of the steel was sent to the Americans for analysis. After Azerbaijan stopped the shipment, the Russian authorities arrested three men from Taiikistan in connection with the smuggling effort.

One American specialist said the case was complex. "It is not clear that we directed the Russians to the right place," he said.

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NO CHERNOBYL - Belarussians in Minsk protesting the plant

across the Ukraine border that spewed radiation 12 years ago Sunday.

Toxic Spill Diverted From Spanish Park

The spill, which occurred near Seville and created a black stain on the

surface of the Guadiamar stretching for

man-made channels to the larger Gua-

It was not immediately known ex-actly how much toxic liquid spilled, but

police and environmental groups es-

timated the amount at millions of gal-

Environmental groops, including Greenpeace, called the incident a se-

rious environmental threat and deman-

Although the park appeared to be oot

ded action against those responsible.

of danger, a farmer's group estimated that 10,000 hectares of crops along the

banks of the river had been damaged by

the spill, which was made up of the toxic

residue from zinc, lead, copper and sil-

flower fields were stained black by

overflowing waters. Orchards, cottoo

Large stretches of tomato and sun-

of Cadiz.

DONANA NATIONAL PARK, Spain — The anthorities in Spain said a major ecological disaster was prevented Sunday when a bage flow of toxic waste was diverted away from Donana National Park, ooe of Europe's leading nature reserves.

The officials, however, warned that the surrounding areas could suffer severe pollotion.

The wall of acidic water rushed into the Guadiamar River in southern Spain on Saturday when a waste reservoir at a mine ruptured. It cut a 25-kilometer (16mile) path of destruction along the banks of the river, killing crops, fish and

Environment Minister Isabel Tocino said engineers succeeded in blocking off the river, contaminated by a spill of up to 5 million cubic meters of toxic liquid, before the flow reached the

"Fortunately, Donana has been saved," Ms. Tocino told oational radio. "The contaminated waters will not reach the wetlands because all the systems that were put in place yesterday worked,"

The crisis began when a dam at a holding pond at Los Frailes mine, run by Boliden Ltd. of Canada, burst aloog a 50-meter front, sending toxic liquids rushing into the nearby river and toward the park, which is 50 kilometers away. Engineers scrambled to build makeshift dikes at the outskirts of the 75,000-hectare (185,000-acre) park — a vast sanctuary of marshlands, forests and sand dynes — to prevent the toxic water.

sand dunes — to preveot the toxic water from entering the reserve.

The Guadiamar is the main source of fresh water for the Donana park, which shelters more than 250 bird species and attracts 40,000 migrating birds each year. It is also home to two of Europe's most endangered species, the Iberian lynx and the imperial eagle.

Now Set for Czech City, Its Opponents Won't Let Up nies. It holds exhibitions and confer-By Raymond Bonner ences around the world so that military officers, leaders of industry and the VIENNA - As if caught in a time merely curious can view and discuss the warp from the Vietnam War era, a latest developments in military com-

Military Electronics Fair

Is Looking for a Home

ganization is having trouble finding a home for its European fair. First, peace campaigners forced the fair out of Brussels, where it had been held for 18 years. Then the group found

private, military-oriented American or-

it was not welcome in The Hague. So the organization, the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, decided to gather in Brno, in the remote southeastern corner

of the Czech Republic. But even that plan may be in

The leader of the effort to keep the organization out of Europe is Reginald Moreels, director of the development assistance office in the Belgian Foreign Ministry. In a letter to President Vaclay Havel of the Czech Republic, he

"You are known as an ethical person concerned about human rights issues and the well-being of the world population. Therefore, I dare ask you to use all of your influence to avoid the fair to take place in your country."

Mr. Havel, who has been hospitalized for two weeks, will respond when his health permits, a spokesman indicated. The protests have stunned the Amer-

ican organization.
"It amazes me," Maurice Padden, the association's vice president, said in a telephone interview from headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia. "It reminds me of when I got back from Vietnam."

"We don't display weapons," added Mr. Padden, a retired air force general. "We don't sell anything at these fairs." The groop, founded in 1946, has 36,000 members, both individuals and compacrops and rice paddies were also affected.

Small numbers of dead birds, fish and a kilometer, was being diverted through crabs littered the shores in some places, and local residents said many more had dalquivir River and then out to the Gulf already been removed.

The mayors of seven towns along the Guadiamar warned citizens not to drink from ground wells. Sheep and cattle owners were told to keep livestock away from the river. The fishing industry was also expected to suffer losses.

The company said Saturday that an inspection showed that the ground beneath the dam had slipped without warning, causing a huge breach in the containment wall.

Mannel Alcaraz Sanchez, a spokesman for Boliden, said: "It's very unfortunate, but it was totally impossible to avoid it. We have the equivalent of the best safety measures in Europe."

Mr. Alcaraz said prodoctioo had beeo halted at the mine and would oot be resumed "until we solve some of our problems."

munications, electronics and intelli-

was politically motivated and acting oo

Withoot Borders-Belgium, a medical

relief group, does not deny this. He said

it woold be better to have conferences

devoted to reducing the spread of weapons than exhibitions promoting

"I have supported the various actions

lgian peace movement," he wrote

"The negative influence of the

against this arms fair organized by the

the Datch minister of development co-

operation, Jan Pronk, pleading that the

weapons trade in unstable and econom-

ically less-developed regions is very

clear," wrote Mr. Moreels, a surgeon

who has worked with the civilian victims

of war in many places, including Cambodia, Somalia and Yemen. "Weapons

that are easy to use and, thanks to tech-

nology, user-friendly weapons, reinforce the violence, in which more and

The Hague municipality decided to cancel the fair, fearing demonstrators.

conference is going ahead in Brussels

this fall, in the same building that the association would have used for its fair.

The Belgian government will be host to

a gathering aimed at curbing the trade in

""We threw them out and put

something in place that goes in the other difection," said Wonter Vermeulen, an

Whatever happens in Brno, another

more children are victims."

assistant to Mr. Moreels.

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Mr. Padden said that Mr. Moreels

Mr. Moreels, a founder of Doctors

gence systems.

On Kosovo Border

Clash Breaks Out

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia - The Yugoslav Army reported oew fighting Sunday along the border of Kosovo Province with Albania.

The army said about 10 separatists had opened fire Sunday morning on border guards near Gorozup after ignoring orders to

"Fire was returned and the Albanian terrorists fled back to the territory of the Republic of Albania in panic," the Pristina media center said, "leaving behind more than 20 cases of mines and explosives and other military equipment."

There were oo reports of cas-ualties in the clash, which could not be independently confirmed. The army said it had come under a fourhour mortar barrage Saturday night near Lake Radonjic dam and had returned fire. The army said it had suffered no casualnes. (Reuters)

Swiss Banks Facing Criticism at Home

ZURICH - Big Swiss banks risk domestic crincism over nego-tiations starting Monday in Washington with the World Jewish Congress and lawyers for Holocaust victims and their relatives, who accuse the banks of hoarding funds deposited by Nazi-era victims.

Some Swiss commentators have questioned whether the banks are betraying Switzerland by acting on their own on a matter that affects the entire country.

"Paying back your debts is one ng," Sigi Feigel and Werner thing," Sigi Feigel and werner Stauffacher wrote in a comment published over the weekend by the conservative Neue Zuercher Zeitung. "Yielding to unjustified demands is another."

Mr. Feigel is honorary chairman of the Zurich Jewish community. Both men support a government plan to sell gold reserves and create a fund for victims of poverty and rights abuses.

Danish Union Sees Weeks-Long Strike

COPENHAGEN --- A major strike starting in Denmark on Monday may last for two or three weeks, the country's top trade union official said Sunday.

Nearly half a million workers have been called out on a strike that is expected to bring most manufacturing, construction and transportation — including shipping and air traffic — to a standstill.

"I don't hope for it to go on for two or three weeks," said Hans Jensen, chairman of the Danish Confederation of Trade Unious, "but I think it will." He said employers bad not responded to union offers of talks following workers' rejection of a proposed agreement reached last month. (Reuters)

Kiriyenko Goes to Work on Cabinet

MOSCOW -- The new Russian prime minister, Sergei Kiriyenko, worked on the ontline of his cabinet over the weekend to put economic reform back on course after a monthlong government crisis that raised fears at home and ahroad.

Russian news agencies quoted a highranking representative of the presidential administration as saying Sunday that Mr. Kiriyenko, 35, who was confirmed by a reluctant Parliament on Friday, would present his list of ministers to President Boris Yeltsin on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mr. Yeltsin dismissed the cabinet of Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin on March 23, saying it had lost momentum on reform efforts, and asked Mr. Kiriyenko, an energy minister new to political office, to form a new gov-A majority in the lower bouse of

Parliament, the State Duma, however, saw Mr. Kiriyenko as lacking in experience and overenthusiastic in his espousal of market economics, and the Duma refused twice to approve his

The chamber would have been auto-

Continued from Page 1

milking the country's generous social welfare

unprecedented fifth term as chancellor.

with the Christian Democrats.

Peter Hintze, general secretary of the Chris-

matically dissolved if it had voted "oo"

The vote Friday was 251 in favor of confirmation and 25 opposed. Mr. Kiriyenko needed 226 votes to be con-More than one-third of the Duma

members abstained. Mr. Yeltsin described the vote as

victory for common sense. "The policy for you should be first of all industrial — the strategy must be economic and the course should be economic growth," the president said in a

televised address. Throughout his confirmation campaign Mr. Kiriyenko refused to disclose any names of future ministers. He has a week to form a cabinet but will be under pressure from Mr. Yeltsin to act quickly

and resolutely.

Aides to Mr. Yeltsin said that the Kremlin was allowing Mr. Kiriyenko a free hand in choosing his government, brushing aside suggestions he would be little more than a "puppet" prime min-

But the president has already named several members of the cabinet, con-firming Foreign Minister Yevgeni Primakov, Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev and Finance Minister Zadomov.

Mr. Yeltsin has appointed one of his allies, Sergei Stepashin, as interior min-

He has also told Mr. Kiriyenko to reduce by one-half the size of the government, which previously had nine deputy prime ministers and 24 min-Attention was therefore focused on

the economic portfolios. But there was no immediate word from Mr. Kiriyenko's office about appointments. Aides to the new prime minister said only that he was working on the gov-

ernment's structure, the Itar-Tass news agency reported. Mr. Yeltsin was expected to meet with Mr. Kiriyenko at the Kremlin on Tuesday and might sign decrees ap-pointing ministers by Wednesday, a se-

nior Kremlin official told the Interfax news agency. In a brief television interview Saturday night, the prime minister said he would concentrate mainly on the econ-

'We need concrete actions to move toward a stable economy," Mr. Kir-

(Reuters, AP)

VOTE: Kohl's Party Gets a 'Clear Slap' in German State Election and Far Right Makes a Big Gain

disaffected Christian Democrats who yearn for chancellor was deeply unpopular in East Ger-fresh leadership. chancellor was deeply unpopular in East Ger-many and that he could not possibly win the fresh leadership.
In that light, the Saxony-Anhalt outcome suggests that Eastern voters who have soured federal election. 'He's been voted out of office in the East,"

Mr. Schroeder hinted Sunday night that a grand coalition with the Christian Democrats might be the best alternative in Saxony-Anhalt to combat the political ascendancy of the

His support for such a broad alliance was cited by political commentators as evidence that he might now be more inclined to consider a governing partnership with the Christian Democrats, rather than with the idiosyncratic Greens party, if he wins the September national vote.

German opposition parties blamed Chanmany of its disillusioned supporters flocked to cellor Kohl's government for the spectacular success of the extreme right in Saxony-Anhalt, Reuters reported from Bonn.

"This is a protest against the broken government promises of Helmut Kohl," Mr.

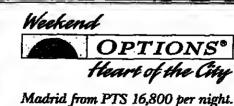
Mr. Schroeder said in his home city, Han-

The Christian Democrats and their allies acknowledged they had suffered a defeat, but put the blame for the success of the extreme right at the door of the Social Democrats. They said the Socialists had made extremists acceptable by running a state government with the informal support of former Communists in Saxony-Anhalt for the past four years.

Those who let a political force emerge on the extreme left have to expect that this will happen on the right as well," Finance Minister Theo Waigel said. The Social Democrats have "failed in this key issue of democracy,"

Mr. Hintze said the reason for the Christian Democrats' showing was the poor economic situation in Saxony-Anhalt.

But Mr. Hintze also noted the high level of fluctuation in voter behavior in East Germany. This showed there were plenty of undecided voters still to be won in the former Communist East, he said.



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spending as much as the other parties combined, according to state authorities. Mr. Frey, 65, has declared his intention to build a powerful political base in the East by exploiting rampant frustration with johlessness and immigration, even though foreigners represent limbe more than 1 percent of the

German initials as the DVU, was founded 10

years ago by a wealthy Bavarian publisher, Gerhard Frey. He lavished enormous sums of

money in the Saxony-Anhalt campaign,

population in the six Eastern states.
Posters and leaflets handed out by the far-

rightists during the campaign called for immediate expulsion of "all foreign bandits" and "jobs first for Germans only." They also urged that foreign schoolchildren oot be altian Democrats, acknowledged that voters delivered "a clear slap" at his party, but he insisted that the dismal showing would not Many German People's Union voters ap-

alter its national campaigo strategy nor affect its backing for Mr. Kohl, 68, in his quest for an pear to be young people, confirming a belief by sociologists that as many as a third of East For his part, Mr. Hoeppner now faces the difficult dilemma of forming a government ermans between the ages of 15 and 25 show neo-Nazi and extreme-right sympathies. either with passive support from the reform Germany's Office for the Protection of the Communists or as part of a grand coalition Constitution, a government agency that mon-The German People's Union, known by its

itors extremists, condemned the party in a 1996 report for what was described as "anti-Semitic and racist tendencies." While Mr. Kohl's party expected a poor result in the election Sunday, it was clear that the far right rather than cast their ballots in favor of the Social Democrats.

Mr. Kohl's challenger in the September general election, Gerhard. Schroeder, has pinned his hopes of becoming chancellor on Schroeder said. creating a "new middle" by appealing to

on Mr. Kohl may not necessarily switch their loyalties to the Social Democrats.

rightist extremists.

Kohl Blamed for Rise of Far Right

He said the big losses made it clear that the

Big Euro Bills May Replace Dollar as Mob's Currency of Choice

By Sylvia Nasar New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The potential challenge that Europe's new single currency poses to the dollar's dominance of global trade and bond portfolios has been widely anticipated.

world's huge underground economy and

The threat comes from a little-noticed decision by the European Monetary Institute to issue the euro in some very large denominations, including 100, 200 representations of the European Science of the European Sci

U.S. Hostages

In Colombia

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they were on their way to freedom.

well hy their captors, the television sta-

been flown to the U.S. Embassy in

Oo Friday, the rebels released another

American, Louise Augustine, 63. a

former Roman Catholic nun and retired

teacher. Thomas Fiore, another Amer-

ican, and an Italian, Vito Candela, who

were seized along with the others on

Colombian news media agreed to broad-

cast a six-point communiqué from the

Mr. Chen said the hostages were not

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mirror those of the Deutsche mark and the country in a purse instead of a suitgive the new currency a reassuringly case. familiar look to those with doubts about monetary union.

Largely overlooked, bowever, is another threat: The euro may edge out the dollar as the currency of chairs in the currency dollar as the currency of choice in the University, will also have the presumably unintended consequence of offerin the process end a profitable American ing drug lords, organized-crime bosses mention ordinary tax evaders - a su-

they're going to have a \$500 bill. You'll These denominations are intended to be able to smuggle a million in or out of

Economists once estimated that just 10 percent of all currency in circulation was tied up in the underground economy. Now it turns out that 80 percent is closer to the mark. Most of it is in \$100 bills, which are the largest available U.S. denomination and now account for well and other underworld figures - not to over half the value of the nation's paper

> American banks and businesses hold very little cash. American households are

around to make it appear that every American family of four has \$6,000 or so in cash stashed under the mattress, including three dozen \$100 bills.

Despite the proliferation of credit cards, automatic teller machines, and electronic funds transfers, the sea of cash has been growing much more rapidly than the nation's gross national

As the issuer of dollars, America has been making out like a proverbial bandit. also loath to keep much of it lying around. amount the government would have to revenue.

and 500 euro notes, equivalent to about 'customers,' 'said Mr. Rogoff.' 'We Yet, according to the Federal Reserve pay if all that currency had to be replaced \$110,\$220 and \$550 at the expected rate have these crummy \$100 bills, and Board, there is enough currency floating with Treasury bonds paying between 5 percent and 6 percent interest.

Criminals prefer cash for the obvious reasons: It is anonymous, portable and easy to hide. For the same reasons, they prefer bigger bills to smaller ones. Until now, they have had an overwhelming penchant for dollars because there are so many of them, they are convertible anywhere, and they are, relatively speaking,

inflation-proof.

Bot faced with the choice of an even better product, the euro, criminals may With \$400 billion of its currency in cir- well switch. And without the underculation, the U.S. government is earning ground economy, parts of the United \$20 billion to \$24 billion a year, or the States could see a dramatic decline in

EMBARGO: Causes of Iraqis' Suffering

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are from Shiite Muslim and Kurdish areas that have been deliberately deprived of food and medical care hy the largely Sunni Muslim government, dip-

The problems with food are made

worse by deeply ingrained mefficiency, envoys familiar with Iraq say.

"The system was hopelessly inefficient without a war," a diplomat said.

"Add a war and the callousness of the regime, and you get dead and dying

Just how Iraq has spent a share of its limited resources was discovered this mooth by diplomats who escorted UN weapons inspectors through eight pres-

"They were beyond grandiose," a participant said.

That first inside look revealed palace compounds that contained a total of more than 1,000 buildings, with many more structures under construction.

The palaces had walls, floors and artistic flourishes crafted from elegant marble in many hues - material both telling and costly because marble is not

indigenous to Iraq, the envoys said. At the same time that Iraq was installing pumps for the palace moats and canals, the government said that it did

oot have such equipment for public sanitation sites in need of repair. The eight compounds are among at least 48 new presidential sites built since the end of the Gulf War at a cost of as much as \$2 billion, according to dip-

lomatic estimates. That figure does oot count furnishings.

money on palaces," although he did not agree that all suffering could be traced to

the government. The official said, for example, that child mortality was doe in part to waterborne diseases such as typhoid that thrive because Iraq's sanitation system was seriously damaged during the Gulf

In 1996, the United Nations tried to ease the impact of the embargo on ordinary Iragis by anthorizing the sale of nearly \$2 billion in oil every six months so the government could buy food and medicine that would be distributed directly by UN workers.

This year, the ceiling has been raised to \$5.2 billion, and the program has been expanded to inclode UN-supervised repairs of power and sanitation facilities.

Despite official reports of as many as million premature deaths and widespread famine, Iraq has experienced the higgest population surge in its historyfrom 17 million on the eve of the Gulf

Urban areas of Iraq not under repression have managed surprisingly well, according to diplomats and others

"Baghdad is oot a starving city," said a diplomat who has done two tours in Iraq. "Iraqis in the street are well clothed and relatively well fed. Shops are well-stocked, though the variety is limited.

clique profiting handsomely now."

Saddam's Birthday Fete

Iraqi media said Sunday that official celebrations marking Mr. Saddam's birthday had already begin throughout the country, including exhibitions, rallies,

The festivities "reflect the love and appreciation of the people for their symbolic leader," said Al Thawra, the news-paper of the ruling Arab Ba'ath Socialist

The celebrations will reach a peak Tnesday with a parade in Tikrit, 170 kilometers (105 miles) north of Bagh-

The president usually marks his birthday by receiving groups of singing and dancing children from across the country State-run oewspapers, radio and television, gearing up for the festivities, are running special editions and programs.

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president or other trade-offs, Mr. Kohl and Mr. Chirac could achieve to set right a process that has become an embarrassment for both the new central bank and the EU.

By any standard, the political pressure on both leaders are considerably greated today than at the time of their confrontation - portrayed on a back-cover bin for Mr. Milesi's book as an incident in which the two men "had to be separated from the edge of a physical skinnish."
In late 1996, Mr. Chirac was still

months away from his botched dissolution of the National Assembly and the weakened position for him that resulted from it, and Mr. Kohl was not yet politician whose career seemed threatened by national elections this September. The issue of the stability pact although important to both men because it dealt with their opposing ideas on how much of a role politics should play in the enforcement provisions for economic

and monetary union, hardly stirred votes or even party organizations.

Now, each leader is saddled by police that make compromise ical situations that make compromise both difficult and potentially painful.

Embarrassed last week by the failur of his party to give him clear support is his position on European monetary us ion, Mr. Chirac faces the possibility of having personally created Mr. Trichet the French candidate only to find no trace of support for him within the EU.

More important, there seems to be no willingness to let the Trichet candidacy turn into a lever for prying four years of the bank presidency's statutory eight-year term away from Mr. Duisenberg or to find some kind of formula that would make a Frenchman his automatic successor.

'Mr. Chirac is facing a serious loss of face," a diplomat said. "Since no one considers that as a promising way to start EMU, he is certainly the person best equipped to find a wise way out for

Because Mr. Chirac is in Japan until midweek and his Gaullists have annonnced a motion of censure against the Socialist government's economic program in Parliament for Wednesday, no movement is expected until just before the summit meeting begins here Friday.

For Mr. Kohl, virtually any divergence from an unconditional eight-year term for Mr. Dnisenberg would mean turning his back on his own positions, the Bundesbank's and those of his ministers and the political allies of his Christiste Democratic Party.

After a week in which those allies weigh in disarray and Mr. Kohl's candidady appeared to come under challenge from small group within his party, the chart cellor's best approach seemed to be casting himself as a defender of German interests — in this case, making sure that Mr. Duisenberg will be on this to keek the bank free of French notions of politicity control and in tune with the German view of monetary policy that have effectively

run Europe for the past few decades. If Mr. Kohl is to reverse the trend in the polls that signifies his possible defeat. paper Die Welt said in an editorial over the weekend, the chancellor must show in relation to the euro 'that be is the single person who can effectively englowed German interests.' It added, 'No quick thinker or TV actor can replace Kohl's weight in Brussels on these Ger-

The lack of room for compromise is Party of Prime Minister Wim Kok.

His book does not make the connection, but in December 1996 after the clash described by Mr. Milesi, the Freoch gave way to German insistence that the stability pact include specific performance targets and specific penalties for countries failing to achieve them. In turn, the official name of the agreement later became the Stability and Growth Pact, the reference to growth reflecting a French wish that has remained more a statement of intention than a practical engagement of the kind

French resistance to Mr. Duisenberg: relates to the idea that his nomination would effectively re-establish German cootrol of the new European monetary system, Mr. Milesi points out that Mr. Chirac always insisted that selection of the bank's president be a political choice for Europe's leaders rather than one made by other central bankers. In this respect, Mr. Chirac's goal to politicize this aspect of the euro's birth has already seen a ootable success.

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BOGOTA - The two remaining American hostages freed by leftist rebels in Colombia after 32 days said they were scared but not mistreated by their The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia released the hostages, Todd Mark and Peter Chen, on Saturday in a mountainous area of central Colombia near the community of Los Alpes, about 100 kilometers (60 miles) south of The first report of the release came from the Nacional television network, which said one of its reporters had assisted in the release. The television journalist accompanying the freed hostages said the group had to elude army mortar fire while The two Americans were in good health and said they had been treated tion reported. They were taken by the International Committee of the Red Cross to the city of Villavicencio, and reporters said the Americans had already

Schoolgirls performing Sunday in front of a portrait of Saddam Hussein. A UN official stationed in Iraq said Iraq is laying on a lavish birthday Nationwide observances are under way for his 61st birthday Tuesday. the regime was "ohviously wasting party for Mr. Saddam, who turns 61 on Schoolgirls performing Sunday in front of a portrait of Saddam Hussein.

The release of the hostages came after BUNDESBANK: Members Reject Cut in Term for European Post

secret 'gentleman's agreement' are

tives if they turned out to be U.S. agents.

intervention in Colombia's guerrilla term "would make a big dent in the the Bundesbank became the latest council member over the weekend to dis- The Bundesbank's sponsorship of the parage efforts to split the term of the project already was fragile. It hinged on

The Maastricht Treaty calls for a nonmeant to appease France, which insists renewable eight-year term as a safe-A "Commandante Romana" bad at that its ceotral bank chief, Jean-Claude guard for the independence of the president, Mr. Issing noted. The term is long enough to allow continuity, he said, The Americans had been on a bird-ernments in Germany and most other EU adding that the fact that the term was nations, supports the former Dutch cen- nonrenewable removed the temptation Mr. Mark said be had spent most of his tral bank chief, Wirn Duiseoberg, for the to resort to easy-money policies as a way

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advance trust in the euro."

The Bundesbank, along with the gov-

was otherwise critical of the euro's starting cooditions. The launch of the euro is 'justifiable in terms of stability policies," the sentence said. Critics, however, noted that the single phrase was offset by so many doubts that the

Most of the heads of the Bundesbank's regional branches, who make up

Suggestions that the term might be ooe point threatened to execute the cap- Trichet, deserves the powerful post.

Monetary Institute in Frankfurt, the fore-runner of the European central bank. Otmar Issing, the chief economist of the Burdenback have the letter acres in the Burdenback have the Burd guerrilla group denouncing what it de-scribed as a long history of United States Jochimsen, as saying that splitting the

report coold mean almost anything.

"That is why the directors cannot be the central bank's council, oppose a term them to death." be said. (AFP, NYT) policies, currently heads the European renamed," Mr. Issing said in an in-division, Bild reported.

Insurers and large private employers already are deeply worried about the potential cost of these drugs. While overall health-care inflation

Insurers fear that a few more expensive drugs

drugs. As the natioo's pharmacopoeia expands over the next decade, it will find a prime market in the baby-boom generation, the 76 million Americans born from 1946 to 1964. The youngest of the bahy boomers are turning 34 this year, and the oldest are turning 52. These are precisely the years when people first begin to rue

There is oo question that the public wants the

thin or drugs to make your hair grow again were kind of looked down upon," said Mark Edwards, a biotechnology analyst in San Francisco. "Now, these things are starting to be looked at as real medicine."

There was a time when drugs to make you

because science is gaining a deep understanding of the way the body works at the molecular level. Researchers are racing to unravel the body's genetic code, gaining clues to the underlying causes of conditions such as obesity and to the degenerative changes that accompany aging.

spokesman for Pfizer Inc., the company that developed Viagra. "We are learning a tremendous amount rapidly, a lot of it based on the genetic revolution."

It also is a good example of how costly the new serious side effects, those same people are drugs will be to develop and buy. Pfizer says it likely to see health gains, too. This could not spent \$500 million developing Viagra. Drug companies estimate they are spending about \$20 billion a year developing new treatments.

Given the up-froot development costs, Pfizer says it is justified in charging about \$7 at wholesale for one 50-milligram tablet of Viagra — or about 14 times as much as its weight in gold. Viagra costs \$10 a pill at retail. Yet that has not stopped the many thousands of men who are demanding the drug.

employees, for instance, have specific provisions in their contracts that allow them to exclude treatments for sexual dysfunction. In the eod, society will have to decide on a case-by-case basis which of the new treaments to pay for through health insurance. It seems

But what about drugs to banish fat? Many will want to take them largely for cosmetic reasons, but if the drugs truly work without

pharmaceuticals can improve one's quality of life. Not dying of bacterial infections because

NIAMEY, Niger — Ano-government protesters blocked major roads in Niamey with burning tires oo Sunday in a flare-up of violence, witnesses said.

Anti-Regime Protests in Niger

BRIEFLY

Iran Said to Arrest Briton as Spy

TEHRAN — An Iranian newspaper said Sunday that Iran had arrested a Briton suspected of spying after be was caught filming in a restricted area in Kurdistan Province.

was recently arrested in western Iran confessed to have

beeu spying for Britain," the newspaper Jomhuri Eslami reported. It did not say when the arrest took place.

In Londoo, the Foreign Office said that it was in touch

with the authorities in Tehran, but that it had not been

officially informed of any espionage charges and had no

Jomhuri Eslami reported that the man who was arrested

But the BBC said the man was "unknowo" to the

reports of missing Britons in Iran.

had presented himself as a BBC reporter.

A senior member of the British espionage service who

Paramilitary police fired tear gas to break up groups of demonstrators protesting against the rule of President Ibrahim Bare Mainassara, the witnesses said. They said the unrest was mainly in the resideotial suburbs of the capital. Key access routes into the city center were closed off by the violence, they added. In January 1996, Mr. Mainassara, then army chief of

Brazil Is Plagued by Drought

staff, toppled the elected government.

RIO DE JANEIRO - A severe drought in Brazil's impoverished northeast could cause more than 9 million people to go hungry, according to a government report. The federal government must start distributing emer-

gency food next month to avoid widespread unrest, said the report, which was released Saturday. Sporadic looting has already broken out in some rural towns. Meteorologists say the region is suffering its worst drought in 15 years and attribute it to El Niño.

Mexico Expels 4 Foreigners

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico - Four foreigners became the latest in a growing number of non-Mexicans expelled from the country for allegedly med-

dling in the Zapatista rebellion, officials said. Two Spaniards, an American and a French citizen were told to leave the country Friday for allegedly taking part in setting up a pro-rebel community in Chiapas State, im-migration officials said over the weekend. (Reuters)

DRUGS: Beyond Medicine's Frontier, Seeking an Elixir for Quality of Life the focus on personal happiness as a prime or even sole criterion by which to measure the

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seems to have been brought under control in the United States by the adveot of managed care, some big insurance plans have been reporting double-digit increases in the past couple of years in prescription costs.

such as Viagra could belp to reignite health-care

the indignities of advancing age. There is nothing new about the idea that

antihiotics are available is certainly a quality-

of-life improvement. What is new, perhaps, is

Many of the oew drugs will be possible

worth of a drug.

"This really is the goldeo age of pharmaceutical research," said Andy McCormick, a

Some insurance companies already are balking. Many of the carriers that insure federal

likely that drugs to regrow hair or banish wrinkles will oot make the cut - if people want them, they probably will have to fork over their

only make people healthier but also save money in the loog run through reduced use of hospital beds and other expensive treatments.

FIRST LADY: Whitewater Prosecutor Questions Hillary Clinton Under Oath for Nearly 5 Hours

Continued from Page 1 [But if she were, he added, "I think it would be a dramatic, very interesting, and, I think, worrisome thing. "He also said that he believed Mr. Starr's final reported would be

"highly critical." [Jane Sberburne, a former White House counsel, said in another broadcast interview that if Mrs. Clinton were oot indicted, "it would most clearly be because there's not enough evidence," and added: "It is time to wrap this up, and it's time to clear these people who have been the subject of an investigation

for over four years."] However, the expiration of the grand jury would not rule out future action against Mrs. Clinton because a separate Washington grand jury will continue to operate and has heard much of the testimony Mr. Starr has gathered that could bear on whether Mrs. Clinton misled regulators or tried to conceal documents about the nature of her legal work in the mid-1980s for the failed Madison Guaranty S&L, which was owned by the Clintons' business partners in the failed Whitewater real estate deal, James and Susan McDougal.

alarm about ber interview Saturday. President Bill Clinton did not even stay at the Executive Mansioo while his wife was questioned, instead escaping for a sunny spring afternoon golf game. After Mr. Starr and his staff left the building, the Clintons dressed in formal wear and headed to the Washington Hilton for the annual White House Correspondents Association dinner.

one more time about Whitewater, they negotiated the Saturday interview quietly in recent weeks, keeping it secret from virtually everyone, including officials on Mrs. Clin-Afterward, the White House issued a brief statement saying that the subjects of the interview concerned the legal work done by the House residence.

Rose Law Firm, where Mrs. Clintoo once

ings & Loan and Mrs. Clinion's "relationship with related individuals."

The questioning followed new information provided to prosecutors by Mr. Clinton's successor as governor of Arkansas, Jim Gny Tucker, who became a cooperating wimess for Mr. Starr in February and bas made nufor Mr. Starr in February and bas made numerous appearances before the Little Rock grand jury since then. Mr. Starr has been 1996 Howsen 1 grand jury since then. Mr. Starr has been trying to determine whether Mrs. Clinton has testified truthfully about her business dealings

understood she would have to testify at least Although she has been interviewed several times by the independent counsel's staff, Mrs. Clinton has testified in person just ooce before Mr. Starr's Washington grand jury. He summoned her there in January 1996, shortly after her long-lost Rose Law Firm billing records mysteriously surfaced in the White

Other than that occasion, prosecutors have worked, on behalf of Madison Guaranty Sav- avoided forcing Mrs. Clinton to appear in person, coming to the White House four times to interview ber before Saturday, most re-"Consistent with past practice, no further cently in January when they questioned her statements about the content of the interview for just 15 minutes about the White House's

Mrs. Clinton has denied any wrongdoing, will be made at this time," said the White improper collection of FBI files. This was the first time, however, that appearance of the said the White improper collection of FBI files. This was the said the White improper collection of FBI files. This was the said the White improper collection of FBI files. This was the said the White improper collection of FBI files. This was the said the White improper collection of FBI files. This was the said the White improper collection of FBI files. first time, however, that prosecutors video taped a White House session with Mrs. Clin-

> eral occasions by Mr. Starr's office, and his 1996. However, unlike his wife, the president As the expiration date nears for the Little-

hring new charges against Webster Hubbell, the former associate anorney general and law firm partner of Mrs. Clinton. The interview was conducted in the Yellow

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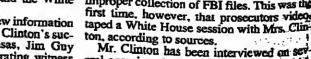
Tuesday, including a parade in his bometown, Tikrit, Renters reported from Baghdad.

speeches and theatrical performances.

man interests." underscored by the situation in the Netherlands, where Mr. Duisenberg's candidacy has become an issue of national self-esteem. With national elections, May 6, any sign of retreat from a full term would mean trouble for the Labor.

sought by the Jospin government.

Although it is widely assumed that the



bas never testified before the grand jury. while lawyers for Mrs. Clinton had long and legal work with Madison and its owners.

Rock grand jury, Mr. Starr has ratcheted up pressure on several witnesses, including Mrs. McDougal, who was called in to testify last week from a California prison and threatened with indictment for criminal contempt if she continued to refuse to answer questions. Prosecutors also were considering whether to

> Room of the White House, Mr. Starr brought with him four key lieutenants, W. Hickman Ewing Jr. and Patrick O'Brien from his Little Rock office and Robert Bittman and Solomon Wisenberg from Washington.

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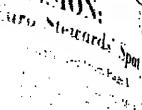
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Israel 50 Years On

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As the 50th anniversary approaches this week, the world marvels at the faith and fortitude that have not only sustained Israel through five turbulent decades but brought it within reach of a new era of peace and prosperity. With wise leadership in Israel, and cootinned U.S. support, Israel can reach that

Few new nations have endured so much turmoil in their early years. Israel's founding brought the first of four wars in which outnumbered Israeli forces defeated or held at bay the armies of Arab neighbors intent on extinguishing the Jewish state. Israel in those embattled decades became syn-Onymous with military strength and agility and the daring leadership of generals like Moshe Dayan and Yitzhak Rabin. The Six-Day War in 1967, when Israel swiftly crushed the military forces of Syria, Egypt and Jordan, and the commando raid at En-

military academies today.

Israel's understandable preoccupation with security also brought mistakes and excesses. The 1982 invasion and occupation of Lebanoo produced the slaughter of Palestinian refugees by Israel's Christian Lebanese allies, a massacre that nearby Israeli forces did nothing to stop, Israel's treatment of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank has often been harsh.

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hijacked hostages are still studied at

Despite war, and a scarcity of water and other resources, Israel huilt an economy that rivals Western Europe in per capita wealth and technical sophistication. Tel Aviv became a huh of modern architecture and commerce. Successive waves of immigration multiplied Israel's Jewish population almost eightfold to 5 million, secood only to that of the United States.

In a poliocally barren region where many countries are ruled by despots and autocrats, Israel ereated a vibrant democracy in which rival parties and political leaders competed openly for power but never lost sight of their common goals. Israel had the good fortune to produce strong, visionary leaders like David Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir,

Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Rabin. But Israel's defiant idealism and unity of purpose have recently yielded to a painful if unavoidable period of introspection and uncertainty. Heroic wars of national survival have given way to frustrating and divisive peace oegotiations with the Palestinians and a wave of terrorist attacks in Israel.

new and more nuanced ways with the issue that more than any other has defined its life: how best to assure its

security, even its survival. Few nations since the end of the World War II have faced the lethal, unremitting threat that has stalked Israel since its birth. Even today, with a patina of peace in the Middle East, Israel must maintain the military might to defend itself and to prevail against an array of Arab enemies.

But oow, for the first time, Israel can also secure its survival through peace. Finding the right balance between strength and diplomacy is the greatest challenge that Israel confronts.

For a country that has fought so hard just to stay alive, the idea of peace may eem a mirage. Bot the end of the Cold War, the opening of markets, and oew technologies and a thirst for peace among both Israelis and Palestinians present an opportunity for negotiated stability that Israel should seize. It is the gateway to a time of tranquillity that all Israelis seek.

As Israel marks this anniversary, it is also struggling to decide what kind of state and society it wishes to be. The founding years when sandal-clad settiers pouring off steamships turned the, deserts green and invested all their and energy and idealism in their kihbutzim are now a romantic but fading memory. Waves of immigration have transformed and shaken Israeli society.

Tensions between Orthodox and secular Jews have increased, bundreds of thousands of Russian immigrants are demanding a place in Israel, and the political divisions that flow from se demographie trends have eroded the common purpose that long unified

One hallmark of Israel has always been that secular and religious communities could live and work together toward the goal of building a Jewish state. That required the mingling of pro-foundly different peoples and beliefs in ways that promoted the country's welfare without bomogenizing the culture. Today that social contract is fraying.

No return is possible to a simpler time. Israel must learn to manage its diversity and to draw strength from it. Those so passionately opposed to their neighbors for religions, political or ethnic reasons need to recognize that unbridgeable divisions ultimately produce political paralysis, a condition that Israel cannot afford.

Reaching a state of equilibrium is essential oot only for Israelis. Israel is more than a country. It is an idea that inspires millions of Jews around the world. From the ruins of Europe and the gas chambers of the Holocaust, from America, Russia and dozens of other lands, an indefatigable people created a new country sustained by an ancient faith. A half-century later, there is much to celebrate.

Russia's Young Democracy Passes Another Test

WASHINGTON — President Bor-is Yeltsin once again traveled to his favorite spot - the brink of catastrophe - and ooce again returned triumphant. Now he faces what has always been a far more painful challenge for him: the everyday routine of governing the ungovernable.

First the good news. In the month since Mr. Yeltsin fired his long-serving, loyal prime minister, Viktor Chemomyrdin, and nominated a young technocrat in his stead, Russia's young democracy has faced another in its series of periodic tests. Once again, it passed. Despite everything you may have

read about constitutional breakdowns and mafia oligarchs and unbridled czarist ambitions, the system worked more or less as it was supposed to, and as it would in other democracies. Politicians in Parliament bargained

the polls from back home. And at the last minute they confirmed Sergei Kiriy-enko, 35, thereby averting dissolution and early elections Why did Mr. Yeltsin do it? His March 23 order dismissing his cabinet came as a shock to almost everyone. Many saw the move as irrational, and

were quick to attribute motives: bore-

dom, impetuousness, a thirst for un-

and bluffed and blustered. They checked

challenged power. There is some evidence for all three. Mr. Yeltsin's history shows a proBy Fred Hiatt

pensity to shake things up from time to time. His initial announcement that he would name himself acting prime minister, repudiated once he was told that such a move would be unconstitutional, suggests, at the least, that the move had not been fully scrubbed in a compre-

hensive interagency Kremlin review.

And Mr. Yeltsin consistently has slapped down aides who grew too uppity. Mr. Chemomyrdin for most of his half-decade in office was self-effacing. Lately he had been puffing himself op and acting like a presidential candidate.

He paid the price.

But those explanations are not necessarily sufficient, nor do they mean that Mr. Yeltsin's act was totally irrational. He offered reasoning that merits attention. Mr. Chernomyrdin was "solid and reliable," he said, hut lacked dynamism, initiative, new viewpoints, fresh approaches and ideas.'

Mr. Yeltsin is looking toward 2000, when his second term ends. If his health holds up, he either will wriggle through a loophole in the constitution and seek a third term — which would be a grave setback to democratic development or he will promote a candidate who will extend his legacy. A minimum requirement will be a successor who does not seek to put him in jail.

liberal, pro-reform candidate is likely to be elected president if Russia's economy does not improve in the next two years. And that will require, as Mr. Yeltsin also said on March 23, "making economic reforms more energetic and effective."

Mr. Chernomyrdin was not up to that task. Mr. Yeltsin's critics say he will miss Mr. Chernomyrdin's stability and his good relations with the Communist-dominated Parliament, and perhaps he will. But Mr. Chernomyrdin's stability was merely an avoidance of reform, and he got along with Par-liament because he rarely pushed im-

portant legislation.
Will Mr. Kiriyenko — ex-Young Communist, ex-banker, ex-oilman do any better? Can a bland provincial with only a year's experience in Moscow (now in line to become acting president should Mr. Yeltsin die in office) jump-start reforms?

Some early signs are encouraging. Mr. Kiriyenko handled himself deftly during his monthlong confirmation fight, consulting respectfully with op-position leaders without, apparently. giving too much away. For economie advice he has turned

to Mr. Yeltsin's battle-tested reformers - Deputy Prime Minister Boris Nemtsov and Yegor Gaidar.

But no matter how deft and prin-

But the president understands that to cipled Mr. Kiriyenko proves himself to be, and even if Mr. Yeltsin oow departs be, and even if Mr. Yeltsin oow departs from his usual pattern and remains fully engaged and supportive, Russia will not break through into the daylight of clear economic reform and rapid growth. Russia is not Poland. It is vaster and more isolated, its commun. ism was more deep-rooted, its economy more militarized and centralized Its people are far more divided Many Russians want the right to buy and sell farmland; many Russians view. that as a violation of all that is sacred

Many want to reach out to the West; others remain deeply suspicious. Those deep divisions are reflected in Parliament, which, all talk about unstanding, has shown the muscle to hlock land reform, tax reform, arms

treaties with America and more. Russia's functioning democracy, in other words, is one reason its reforms, will not be swift and unchallenged.

Playing hy democratic rules; modest, uneven progress toward a liberal economy - for anyone not expecting miracles, these together would con-Yeltsin and the Parliament so far have played by the rules. Now it is up to Mr. Yeltsin and his new prime minister to give at least a modest boost to long-

The Washington Post.

Choice for Sharon: Will It Be Redemption or Revenge? ugly last battle for Israel's soul Therefore, can someone like

WASHINGTON — A fas-cinating story is unfold-ing in Israel — the story of Ariel Sharon, the oldest of Israeli warhorses, and his relationship with Benjamin Netanyahu. Whether Prime Minister Net-

anyahu can close a deal with Yasser Arafat when they meet in London on May 4 may depend on how the story between him and Mr. Sharon ends.

Our story opens with Mr. Sharon, 70, walking the hills of the West Bank, each rock of which he knows, wondering whether he should give his stamp of approval to the next phase of Israeli withdrawals. The Americans and Palestinians want a 13 percent withdrawal. Mr. Netanyahu hints that he will settle for 11 or 12. Mr. Sharon says 9 percent and oot an inch more. Without cover from Mr. Sharoo, it will be difficult for Mr. Netanyahu to move.

Mr. Sharon is still Mr. Security for many Israelis. He is Sabra and Shatila refugee the last of the Israeli leaders camps in Beirut.

By Thomas L. Friedman who were around in 1948, when

black was black and white was white, and when there was oo ambivalence about who were the victims (Israelis) and who had to win (Israel).

For many Israelis, only people like Mr. Sharoo who were forged in a moment of clarity can be relied upoo in murkier times. There is part of the Israeli myth that is still cowhoys versus Indians, and Ariel Sharon is the last old sheriff from Dodge City. If he says 13 percent is O.K., it's O.K.

Many in Israel believe that his deep quest for redemption could motivate him to play such a historic role. He is still carrying a mark of Cain for his role in the 1982 Lebanon war. An Israeli commission declared that he bore "indirect responsibility" for the massacre of Palestinian civilians at the

To remove that stain, many believe he is ready to play Moshe Dayan to Mr. Netanvahu's Menachem Begin. It was General Dayan, after bungling the 1973 war, who served as Mr. Begin's foreign minister, paving the way for

peace with Egypt.
But will Mr. Sharon play that role? Part of him surely wants revenge on Mr. Netanyahn for past burniliations. And part of Mr. Sharon also must resist giving the Israeli peaceniks what they want, which is affirmation that they were right about the need for recognizing the Palestinians, when for so long they insisted that he was all wrong.

And there is part of Mr. Sharon that always wants to capture just one more hill. For him that is what a real Zionist does. That is why be is attracted to the extreme nltra-Orthodox and frootier settlers, who are always ready to climh one more hill.

him make the transition to a belief that Israel can both survive and thrive without catering to these extremes?

That was the transition that Moshe Dayan, Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rahin made. Mr. Rabin embodied the cen-

ter between those extremes -- a center which said that Israel does not need the constant heroic struggle to affirm itself, because there is dignity enough, and adventure enough, and joy enough, and anthenticity enough in an Israel that is the best at being normal, But Mr. Rabin was cut down by the extremes before he completed his revolution.

Yet anyone looking at Israel today can see that the revolution continues. A major shift is now under way. The Israeli centerright is finally embracing Oslo. Something is over. It's messy, it's noisy, but its implications are enormous. Mr. Sharon can help complete this revolution,

Rabin and Dayan both had famous moments where they lost their nerve in war," sain Middle East expert Stephen R. Cohen. "But that was crucial fer their development, because it was precisely that moment of fear that gave birth to their civic

courage to make peace.
'It was precisely that moment of fear that taught them that despite Israel's enormous power. without peace a lot of Israelis would continue to die. Sharon never had that moment of fear in war. I think he was personally more courageous than Rabin or . Dayan, but that may be a liability, because not to know fear in war is not to know the need for civic courage in peace."

And that is wby our story-

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Peace and Belligerent Settlements Are Not Compatible

Yes, Enlarge NATO

The NATO enlargement battle is coming to its conclusion. Head counts a moderate democratic Russia. No sepoint to Senate ratification of this weighty and far-reaching Clinton administration initiative. Intellectually if not politically, however, there is still a feeling that the result could go either way. The debate itself has been faulted, by the likely losers, for lacking in rigor. In fact, the issue has been treated comprehensively, if not exhaustively. The chief lingering questions bear on the purpose of expanding the West's prime defense alliance and on the risks of possibly straining Russia's commitment to a moderate policy in the process.

Expansion of a defense alliance, in peacetime, is unavoidably controversial. The lack of a visible security threat puts the burden on the enlargers. But the case for enlargement is strong.

Stalin divided Europe. The outline

of a Soviet, now Russian, buffer zone remains. The democratic countries in this gray zone feel exposed to an eventual restoration of Russian power and to other contingencies yet unshaped. They reasonably aspire to a settled place in NATO. The American interest in welcoming them lies in reducing unpredictability and instability in an arc that has generated the century's major wars. The scant curreot like-lihood of an actual danger makes it smart and cheap to buy the extra se-Curity insurance now.

It is not persuasive to argue that the security integration of Western and Central Europe is worth any geopol-

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rious persoo addressing Russia's current weakness can want to huild in a historie grievance. Russia's unhappioess with expansion, however, need not disable the project. Part of Russia's necessary post-Cold War evolution requires it to consider the (to it) novel idea that neighbors have a right to a national

orientation of their own choosing.
Russia needs strategie stability,
arms cootrol and the other fruits of a sensible national policy as much as the West does. But the West cannot relieve Moscow of its responsibility to make its own match of politics and policy. Especially when NATO has gooe to extreme lengths to alter the alliance's procedures and its very structure in order to ease Moscow's enlargement cares.

These questions are important. What it comes down to is the strengthening of the oew post-Cold War Europe. Right now there are two kinds of democracies in Europe, one sheltered by NATO in the West, the other exposed to strategic mischance in the East. The Cold War was fought essentially to erase the difference between the two parts of a continent whose kinship and culture make it a central, continuing concern of American foreign policy. The addition of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic serves an American interest and ohligation of the first order.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.~~

ENEVA — While recentl driving around Israel and the occupied territories of the West Bank, I felt like a character out of Alain Renais's latest film, "On Connait la hardly distinguishable from the Chanson." "Look what general features of a rich valley they've done to my land," I

wanted to sing. But my voice, feeble at the best of times, is stifled by a cocktail of anger and sorrow. I pull off the small Beitlahem-Tarqumya road and sit for hours

contemplating the scene.

It must have been ooe of those gentle hills I am oow facing which Arthur Stanley, can-000 of Canterbury and professor of ecclesiastical history at Oxford, described in 1858:

"The hills, except where occupied by vineyards and olive groves, are covered with disjointed rocks and grass, such as brought back dim visions of Wales. I am struck by what is ...

almost the English character of the scenery ... Cultivated valleys, except by their olives, are Yorkshire or Derhyshire." Nature has certainly been

generous in this part of the earth. Aromatic shrubs of thyme, sage and chamomile: scarlet flowers of all kinds; daisies, anemones, poppies, clover, prickly pears, fennel, irises, rock eyclamens — all seemed to dance against a back-ground of a lnsa green grass that looked as if freshly painted.

I see a parterre of colorful trees - almond, earth, fig along with cactus and a particular type of olive tree named Romani (Arabic for Roman), descended from groves planted by the Romans during their 700-year reign over Palestine.

Having lived in the West for the last 34 years, even I, a Palestinian of many generations, was somewbat cooditioned by the systematic barrage of me-ticulously produced propa-

ganda claiming that, before the arrival of Zionist immigrants in the 1930s, Palestine was a strip of desert later made to bloom by the Israelis. The perfect orchestration of that falsehood led even indigenous Palestinians like me to doubt whether Palestine and its

natural beauty were not products of our own imaginations. With Golda Meir denying our very existence, and with Zionist films and literature featuring us as a handful of roaming Bedouins, we, too, were vulnerable to falling into a state

of muddle and self-doubt. I am looking at these hills for

me umpteenth time, vet it is with disbelief that I take in their beauty. Reality clashes with the distorted images that keep surging in my head.

When Palestinian reality was oot distorted conceptually, it was literally wiped ont by the creation of oew facts.

Creating facts, often by demolishing ancient ones, is a long-standing policy coo-sciously adhered to hy all governments of Israel since the creatioo of the state 50 years ago. As a result of this policy, some 400 Palestinian villages are

there oo more. During the last 30 years, the destruction of villages was complemented by frantic construction of settlements, the most ootable example being Gillo, built oo a confiscated site where until 1967 lay the picturesque Palestinian villages of Beit-Safafa and Sharafat.

These settlements are obstructing the peace process and tearing apart the harmony of the landscape. The Holy Land. which ought to be preserved as a unique country, is quickly becoming yet another conglomeration of urban ceoters in a world not at all lacking in such ugly creations.

The whole world, including half of Israel, is against the set-

Even if Benjamin Netanyahu were to withdraw his troops

Given their exclusive roads and strategie locations, the settlements are perceived by the! Palestinian population as mil-itary barracks.

For the peace process to really take off, these colonies most go the way of the Berlin Wall and Lenin's monuments. They should be razed to the ground. Armies dismantle their

encampments when they leave. In their place, a million olive trees, preferably Romani, should be planted — a million permanent symbols of peace.

The writer, a banker, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Holy Cabbages LONDON - The Rev. G. Lay-

cock, of Petersfield, who is not only a good pastor to his people, but no mean connoisseur in cabbages, some time ago ordered from the Covent Garden dealers a quantity of sea-kale cabbages, which he planted, expecting that in due season they would sprout to the accustomed height of a foot or eighteen inches. But one morning the reverend gentleman was surprised, on visiting his garden, to find that the plants had attained the beight of a yard and a half, with a marked propensity for further development. By the next visit they had reached a stature of Sft., and what height they will ultimately elimb before the season is over no man knoweth.

1923: Free Drinkers NEW YORK — A picture of

reeking with the aroma of whis kcy, drawn in a letter written by Professor Hauser, an exchange professor at the University, caused gasps of astonishment when the letter was made public. The letter described prohibition as a failure, declaring that young women in Boston and Cambridge drink freely. The young women, bowever, the letter adds, do not seem to get drunk, bat just a bit "disorganised."

1948: Royal Occasion

LONDON — King George VI and Queen Elizabeth celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary today [April 26], and were cheered by hundreds of thousands of Londoners. Amid colorful and ancient pageantry, the King and Queen drove in an open state landau from Buck-ingham Palace to St. Paul's Cathedral. Tonight they appeared NEW YORK — A picture of on the balcony of the specially floodlit Buckingham Palace.

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Medication Isn't Monitored

PHILADELPHIA — A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association this month found that more than 100,000 Americans die each year from adverse reactions to medication.

If the report is accurate, these reactions are the fourth leading cause of death in the country. And the problem might even be worse than that. The study took into account only hospitalized patients. Plenty of people have reactions to dication at home.

We have not known just how bad the problem is becanse so little money and effort are devoted to monitoring or researching the safety of drugs after they have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Since 1992 the FDA has increased spending by \$335 million to speed up the approval of new drugs. but it has provided little additional money to monitor

drugs after approval. Medications are tested on only 3,000 to 4,000 volunteers during clinical trials. Much of what we need to know about a for studying drug reactions has drug's safety can be determined only once it has been approved and is taken hy hundreds of thousands of patients under varied circumstances.

By Stephen Fried

speed up approvals because pharmaceutical manufacturers must now pay six-figure "user fees' along with their drug ap-plications. But when the companies agreed in 1992 to pay these fees, they also tacked on a rule that none of the money generated - about \$36 million this year — could be used to track adverse reactions after the drugs were approved.

The FDA currently allots only \$140,000 a year from its budget for the Medwatch system, which is responsible for monitoring reactions to all drugs sold in America. Until last fall, Medwatch was not even computerized.

Doctors are not required by law to report patients' drug sensitivities to the FDA, and rarely do. The FDA estimates that fewer than 10 percent of all drug reactions are reported. Once a new safety problem

is discovered, it is hard to get unbiased research on the subject. The FDA's small budget shrunk even though the number of new drugs approved has increased. That leaves manufacturers as the main source of financing to study problems The FDA has been able to with their own drugs.

Last year Congress passed legislation creating a pilot program to conduct independent research on adverse drug reactions and provide safety information to doctors and patients. But the current White House budget proposal allocates only a third of the \$3 millioo needed to create the first center. There have been exciting

discoveries in predicting which patients will react badly to certain drugs — particularly in the new field of pharmacogenet-ics, in which DNA analysis is used to identify genetic predispositions to medical sensitivities. The technology that allows doctors to analyze a drop of blood for DNA markers already exists. But we need to finance research to find the markers that indicate possible drug sensitivities, or the technology will be wasted.

Pharmaceutical companies

have given us plenty of good news about the benefits of their products. It is important for us to learn not only what these drugs can do for us, hat also what they can do to us.

The writer, author of "Bitter Pills: Inside the Hazardous World of Legal Drugs," con-tributed this comment to The New York Times.

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HEALTH/SCIENCE

Is the Universe Forever? Grappling With Gravity

By John Noble Wilford

AUNA KEA, Hawaii — High on the mountain, above the clouds and under a crescent mooo, one of the world's two most powerful telescopes was aimed at stars exploding halfway across the universe.

The night was oot going well. At one point fog had shut down operations, and roiling winds sometimes blurred vision. 'An electronics glitch erased some precious data and cost time.

Scientists were bunched before computer screens in a control room at the base of the mountain, anxiously waiting for an encouraging word from telescope operators up in the dome at Keck Ob-servatory here. "This is ulcer time," said Robert Knop, one of the astron-omers, as he reached for another handful of com chips. "Yoo get the feeling the universe is trying to prevent us from discovering the truth."

There was nothing Saul Perlmutter could do but fidget and muster reserves of patience. An astrophysicist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California, he is the leader of ooe of the two rival groups racing to extract from exploding stars, or supernovas, a fundamental characteristic of the expanding universe.

For much of this century, ever since Edwin Hnbble discovered in 1929 that the universe is expanding, scientists have not only theorized about how it all began in the Big Bang, but also bow it will eod: whether the universe will collapse of its own weight in a Big Crunch, slow its expansioo to a state of equilibrium or keep expanding forever into an ever darker, more tenuous infinity. But their long quest to back up theories with definitive observations has until now frustrated the best astronomers. Finally, the two teams believe that they are closing in on the answer. Recent observations by Dr. Perlmutter's team and another ooe, led by Brian

Schmidt of the Mouot Stromlo and Sid-

ing Spring Observatory in Australia,



Dr. Saul Perlmutter at a control center at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, and Dr. Robert Kirschner of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center.

pect of a cosmic surprise. Preliminary measurements strongly

suggest that there must be less - and perhaps more - to the universe than previously imagined by cosmologists: that is, less mass in ordinary or exotic matter, which could mean the universe will expand forever. And perhaps more of something else, a mysterious force that seems to be speeding up the universe's expansion, contrary to expectations.

This has our minds swimming," said Ricbard A. Muller, an astrophysicist at the University of California at Berkeley, who is oot a member of either team. "This is one of the top astronomy discoveries of the century, certainly of the decade. It's worthy of a Nobel

Little wooder that competition between the two groups — one with its roots in physics, the other in astrocomy is so spirited.

"Hey, what's the strongest force in

bave awakened astronomers to the pros- the universe?" asked Robert Kirshner of the Harvard-Smithsonian Ceoter for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Massachnsetts, an infloential member of the Schmidt team. "It's not gravity, it's jealousy.'

Some scientists lonking oo raise a note of caution, saying the astronomers have not eliminated all the possibilities for errors in the data and these could be yielding misleading results. "The competitive urges have driven both these gronps out on a limb where they shouldn't be," said an astrophysicist who requested anonymity. "They may be right, but they don't know it yet."

In separate three-night observing runs at Keck recently, the two teams added to their inventory of examined supernovas. It is too early to interpret the results. But they bope that the oew measurements, and more to come, will enable them to deliver definitive answers in a couple of years to fateful quescions about the universe's expansion and the possible ex-

istence of a pervasive force of energy,

which on large scales seems to counteract gravity.

"We may bave the answers by the turn of the millennium," Dr. Perlmutter said, his eyes sparkling over a whim-sical thought. "Imagine the signs then: 'The End Is Not Coming!'

VERY few secoods, a dying star explodes somewhere in the universe, its brilliant light shining through intergalactic space like a faraway beacon. Detected at just the right moment, astronomers have discovered, these beacons seem to show the way to long-sought landfalls of knowledge. They can reveal not only the fate of stars, but also of the universe in its entirety.

Peering deep into the night sky with telescopes in Chile, Hawaii, Arizona, and outer space, the teams have learned to isolate such supernovas flaring ont of the background light of faraway galaxies.

They begin by taking pictures of a large section of the sky away from the light of the Milky Way and other nearby galaxies. These pictures, made with sensitive electronic cameras, are compared with earlier ooes of the same region. Computers scan the pictures, sobtracting known galactic light, to detect the ppearance of any oew light source, a possible supernova. Follow-up snap-shots are taken 30 minutes later to make sure the light bas not moved. If it has, it means the light probably came from

cosmic rays or an asteroid. Then the two teams take turns at one of the twin 32-foot-diameter Keck telescopes and with observations by the Hobble Space Telescope in Earth orbit, examining these light sources in greater diagnostic detail. Out of dozens of candidates, a few are identified at each viewing opportunity as a particular kind of exploding star, type la supernovas. useful in measuring changes in the expansion rate of the universe over time.

Astronomers compare the light from supernovas near and far to estimate the distance of each from Earth. The farther away the supernova, the dimmer its light. The most distant ones discovered so far appear to be the light of stellar explosions that occurred more than seven billion years ago, about halfway back to the supposed moment of cosmic creation in the Big Bang. The nearer ones signal explosions some five billion years ago, a little before the sun and its planets were created.

So far away and long ago are these supernovas that although their ancient light is only oow coming into view, their remains have long been scattered beyond recognition as so much stardust. By now, in fact, some of the gas and dust from these explosions have no doubt been incorporated in new stars.

In the oext step of the analysis, the astronomers plot the supernova distances against the "redshift" of the objects' light, a measure of how fast cosmic expansion was carrying the galaxies outward at the time of each explosion. This motion displaces the light of an object toward the longwaveleogth, or red, end of the spectrum the optical equivalent of the drop in pitch of a receding train's whistle.

It was Hubble's study of the redshifts and distances of galaxies that led to the discovery that the universe is not stace, as Albert Einstein and other scientists bad always assumed, but expanding.

An initial objective of the supernova observations was to determine the deceleration of the cosmic expansion, a presumed consequence of the braking effect from the gravitational force of all matter in the universe. Astronomers expected to see the nearer supernovas expanding more slowly than the earlier, more distant ones.

But if they are reading the distances and lights correctly, as the two teams annouoced in separate reports in January, at best the expansion rate has slowed so little that gravity will oever be able to stop it. This appeared to confirm earlier intimations of a universe with a mass density too low to fit many theories,

Secrets of Aging Well

By Jane E. Brody

average late 20thcentury elderly American. Widowed at 51 with seven children then age 7 through 21, she began working part time at her alma mater and secret to aging successfully? When given a highly stress-the college's alumni director, finally retiring at 78.

When given a highly stressful test involving simulated driving, those with high self-esteem performed better and

Her thin, frail appearance would say she is a can-do per-belies her stamina. At 80, she son with stroog self-esteem bounced back from a hyster- who remains involved with ectomy faster than women half ber age. At 81, she belped her emodonally, stimulate her a daughter dig her car ont after mind and exercise her body. a blizzard buried it in two feet of snow and ice. No matter what the circumstances, she thousands of older people by laughs readily and has a smile and cheerful word for neighbors and passers-by.

Now ocarly 83, she lives atone in a three-story Brooklyn brownstone. She keeps her bouse neat and ber stoop

Elizabeth is your dren, gets her exercise by walking and climbing stairs, E and selenium and fixes nutritious meals for herself.

people and events that support

10 years of research among 16 scientists under the aegis of the MacArthur Foundation. When those aging successfully this forward-looking, active

lectures with a friend, attends other human beings that is so church every Sunday, drives a critical to growing old well." car, visits a critically ill sister They caution well-meaning EW YORK - In almost daily, entertains vis- friends and relatives against many ways, Mary iting childreo and grandchil- doing too much for older people since taking over tasks that the elderly can do for takes supplements of Vitamin themselves is belittling. It undermines self-esteem, leads to 'learned helplessness'' and What is Mary Elizabeth's increases dependence.

produced lower levels of stress high blood pressure, older gion forbids it. hormones, said Dr. Rowe, a people who are physically fit gerontologist and president of Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Mount Sinai Hospital, in New York. "This was The book is a distillation of a clear-cut demonstration of the mind-body connection," Dr. Rowe said

There has perhaps oever been a more ringing endorsement of the benefits to body were asked their secret, many and mind of regular physical replied: "Just keep on going." exercise than was derived The authors concluded: "It is from the MacArthur studies. engagement with life and with crux of successful aging, re- never too late to start.



Dr. Rowe of Mount Sinai.

gardless of other factors," the anthors stated emphadeally. The studies found that even are "at lower risk of death than nonsmokers with cormal blood pressures who are couch potatoes." Exercise can also reduce the risk of diabetes, arthritis and cancers of the breast, uterus and colon. At any age, it can enhance overall stamina, increase stability and decrease the risk of falls, and counter depression.

"The frailty of old age is largely reversible," the au-"Physical activity is at the thors wrote, adding that it was

The Rise of 'Bloodless' Surgery

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

Kimi Qooda's life ber aortic aneurysm, a bulge in the main artery of the body. a big loss of blood, but Mrs. Onoda, a Jebovah's Witness.

Kihoog Kwon, a cardiac surgeoo in Orange County, California, who specializes in so-Kwoo gave Onoda a genetically engineered drug that stimulated ber body to make Theo be operated quickly and cleanly, sealing incisions as transfusion, he said. he made them. The next day, Several new tex

the 81-year-old woman was

able to get out of bed. Once an obscure specialty, bloodless medicine is becoming more common oow because of advances in technology. Seventy-six bospitals in the United States now offer bloodless medicine, up from only a handful in 1990, according to the Jehovah's Witoesses. And the practice is spreading beyood that one religious group because many patients now fear getting hepatitis, AIDS or other diseases from donated blood.

learned what some of us have known for a long time — you don't want to give blood if Some surgeons operate with

you don't bave to," said Paul barmonic scalpels, which use be done without transfusions. the blood resources program the wound as they cut. at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

that is less expensive and safer than medicine with The surgery usually involves transfusions, the standard practice for decades. If that is the case, it could be because would not accept a blood there is evidence that transion forbids it. immuoe systems, leaving
Then she was referred to them two to five times as likely to suffer post-operative infections than those who do not get transfusions, said Neil called bloodless surgery, also Blumberg, director of transknown as transfusion-free fusioo medicine at the Unisurgery. For two days, Dr. versity of Rochester Medical Center, in New York, These infections, which can prolong hospital stays and occasionred blood cells, to give some ally are eveo fatal, represent a cushioo against blood loss. greater risk than that of getgreater risk than that of getting AIDS or bepatitis from a

> Several new techniques also bave made it much easier to avoid transfusions:

> Minimally invasive sur-gery allows certain operaoons to be done through small incisions, rather than cutting people open; erythropoietin, a genetically engineered drug, stimulates the body to produce more red cells, and machines known as "cell savers" can suck up blood lost during surgery, clean it and return the bealthy red

blood cells to the body. But the most important technique, practitioners say, "A lot of people have is simply good bousekeeping - cutting cleanly and stop-

McCurdy, former director of ultrasonic vibrations to seal The result of all these tech-

The debate over whether to transfuse will go on. But the good news is that the answer niques has been that most will matter less, since both

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LANGUAGE

Actually, It's Not Always Meaningless

By William Safire

ASHINGTON — "I have noticed a proliferation of the word actually in telephone conversations," writes Richard Durbin, the junior senator from Illinois. "Without exception it is surplusage and often used to mask deception, as in 'Senator, I'm sorry Mr. Jones cannot come to the phone to discuss your fund-raiser, but actually be is away from his desk oo safari.

"Next to inane voice-mail messages," continues the senator, "and unconscionable delays before the tape recorder engages, I find this use of the word actually to be the latest scourge of telephone life.

Sincerely (actually), Dick Durbin." Sincerely (actually), Dick Durbin."

He is not asking about the real actually, an advert meaning "truly, in reality." as used by Thomas Hobbes in his 1651 "Leviathan": "Christ shall come to judge the world, and actually to govern his owne people." Instead, the wonders about what the philologist lohn Algeo calls a "discourse signal and actually a device to relate what the speaker a device to relate what the speaker is saying to what someone else bas said, or to the situation in which the cooversation is carried on." Americans pronounce it with all four syllables and place the discourse signal in the front of a sentence; Britons use it either at the start or, more typically, at

H.W. Fowler called it a meaningless word, similar to of caurse: "The superior-indulgent of course. It seems absurd to tell you but be half-hopes

you do oot know. Alistair Cooke calls them tics, filler words as ubiquitous and unnecessary -as I mean and y'know. (Cooke has just been named chairman of Olbom — On Language's Board of Octogenarian Mentors — though he insists oo calling it OGPU — Octogenarians Guarding Proper Usage — because his acronym recalls an old Soviet spy organizatioo.)

But it is oot always meaningless.
"The Briosh tic," Cooke explains,
"can also be used to show that all alone, the speaker has come through a rather difficult personal conflict and made a positive, mature decision, e.g., 'What would you like to drink?' 'I'd like a Scotcb, actually."

The proper use of the word — in its true, actual meaning - would go, in Cooke's second example, like this:
"What would you like to drink?" "I'll have a Scotch. No, actually, I'd like a martini."

Sometimes the tic is used in mock modesty. To "Do all women succumb to your charms?" the answer might be "They do, actually." Norman Schur, in "British English," notes that the word — pronounced EK-chill-ee may also be used in veiled reproof, as if the speaker feels forced to say it: "Actually, we don't do things that way." or "I was coming to that, actually."

It can be used to mark a contradiction of what the other person has just said. Algeo supplies this: "The director doesn't seem to understand what the play's about." "He's a very what the play's about. The same good director, actually." Or it can mark the unexpected, vouching for mark the unexpected, vouching for who what may seem surprising: "won?" "Well, I did, actually."

The senator from Illinois has asked for a vote. Should we coodemn actually as meaningless, overworked, and obfuscatory, an affected form of

No. In its conditeral form, and when not interjected as mere filler, actually is a subtle device, used differently in British and American English. E. Ward Gilman, editor of Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage, argoes that words like actually

"often improve the rhythm of a sentence and help set off the more important words effectively." I disagree, and would not use it to smooth the flow of a seotence, because that is 'surplusage,' to pick up Durbin's legal usage. Bot I would readily use actually (more in speaking than in writing) as a signal cooveying a shade of meaning outside the normal semantic rules. Like a raised eyebrow, a shrug or a

pleased wriggle, actually contributes to understanding the speaker's meaning. For example, what's another way to say "Come to think of it"? Ac-

First they were undeveloped nations. That was a put-down, so they became LSDs — less developed natians. Still patronizing. Finally emerged emerging nations. Now they're still undeveloped and nobody has emerged, but everybody's happy.

Who dreamed up this latest oame? The answer can be found in "Commanding Heights: The Battle Between Government and the Marketplace That Is Remaking the Modern World." by Daniel Yergin and Joseph Stanislaw. (My own next opus will be titled "Subtitling Books: The Desperate Need for Publishers to Explain

Everything on the Front Cover '') In 1979, a Dutch banker named Antoine van Agtmael went to New York to launch what be wanted to call a third world investment fund. Back in bipolar 1952, the sociologist Alfred Sanvy coined tiers monde, "third world," to describe nonaligned oations that wanted to position themselves between the Soviet and Western blocs. In time, third world gained a connotation as much economic as political, and was made up mostly of have-not na-

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Joblessness Hits 6.5% In Korea

Rate Doubles in 3 Months; Seoul Sees a Rise to 8%

Agence France-Presse SEOUL — Unemployment rose to 6.5 percent in March, South Korean officials said Sunday, and they forecast that the jobless rate would rise further, hitting 8 percent before the year ends.

The rate rose last month from 5.9 percent in February. It was just 3.1 percent in December, when South Korea accepted aid from the International Monetary Fund to avert a debt moratorium, the Statistics Office said.

The office estimated the number of jobless South Koreans in March at 1.38 million. In the first three months of this year, 720,000 people lost their johs, the office said.

Kim In Kyong, a researcher at the Statistics Office, said, "Unemployment is serious especially among college graduates and young people, with their number topping 620,000 in March." The office said the rate would reach 8 percent sometime in the second half.

Some unions have called for strikes in May against companies' plans for layoffs. The unions have accused employers of sacrificing workers and refusing to reform themselves.

To absorb dismissed workers, the Construction Ministry announced a plan Sunday to advance state investments in public projects.

The government earmarked 5.4 trillion won (\$3.95 hillion) for such investment in the first half of this year, but the ministry said an additional 2.6 tril-

lion won would be spent to create jobs. Despite government efforts to reduce layoffs, reports of suicides by dismissed workers bave been frequent this year. Television stations said two more people killed themselves Saturday.

Analysts said South Korea could face a serious labor crisis if a strike erupted at Hyundai Motor Co., where executives fear a restructuring program could be jeopardized by union militancy.



A South Korean worker singing with her daughter at a protest in Pusan.

New Battle Looms for Rolls-Royce

VW's Bid Threatens to Unravel Month-Old Agreement With BMW

By Edmund L. Andrews

FRANKFURT - Nearly one month after the German car manufacturer Bayerische Motoren Werke AG reached an agreement to buy Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Ltd., the board of Volkswagen AG is expected to ignite a new hidding war by offering more money and lavish promises to invest billions of dollars in

Volkswagen's move threatens to unravel what seemed to be a done deal between BMW and Vickers PLC, the owner of Rolls-Royce, and sets the stage for what could be an expensive and complicated battle for a position in the rarefied market for superluxury auto-

The Volkswagen supervisory board held a special meeting Saturday at company beadquarters and, according to German press reports, approved a broad

The reports said the company would offer about \$700 million for Rolls-Royce and \$300 million for a separate engine company owned by Vickers. The offer also includes a promise to invest about \$2.2 hillion in Rolls-Royce's factories and to quintuple its production capacity to 10,000 cars a year.

Four weeks ago, after an auction in which BMW and Volkswagen both made hids to the manufacturer of Silver Shadows and Bentleys, Vickers announced that BMW had won with an offer of nearly \$600 million for Rolls-Royce alone. BMW said it would triple capacity to 6,000 cars a year over the next several years

Under that agreement, Vickers pledged to negotiate exclusively with BMW over the next 30 days to reach a binding contract. That 30-day period ends Thursday, and Volkswagen has let it be known for weeks that it is ready to fire back with a better offer.

[The chief executive of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, Graham Morris, said Sun-day he was "absolutely unaware" of any new VW offer and saw no reason Vickers should not reach a deal with BMW, Reuters reported from Frankfurt. IBMW also said it remained con-

fident its takeover of Rolls-Royce would go through. "We continue to believe that our offer remains the most attractive," a spokesman said, adding that the Rolls-Royce board already had endorsed it.]

The intensity of the competition has astonished many. While the Rolls-Royce name has unparalleled allure as a synonym for luxury, it remains a tiny company in the automobile industry. and it nearly went bankrupt more than a decade ago.

But European car manufacturers are now in a fierce rivalry to expand into the market of superluxury automobiles, those priced at \$200,000 or more.

Volkswagen, though it originally became famous for economy cars such as the Beetle, owns Audi and has steadily percent, to 33 billion DM.

pushed into the ranks of more expensive and potentially more profitable cars. It recently unveiled a prototype for a highperformance sports car that would compete with the likes of Ferrari and

But BMW has an advantage in that it already supplies engines to Rolls-Royce, which uses them in its newly introduced Silver Seraph. When Volkswagen hinted last month that it would sweeten its offer after the auction had closed, BMW execurives warned that they would stop supplying engines if their deal fell through.

■ Volkswagen's Profit Doubles

Volkswagen's profit in the first quarter of 1998 doubled on strong demand for more expensive cars and continued benefits from cost-cutting measures. Blonmberg News reported Saturday from Wolfshurg, Germany.

Profit in the first three mouths rose to 345 million Deutsche marks (\$192.6) million) from 172 million DM a year earlier. VW said last month it did not expect profit to double for the full year, but analysts still forecast a rise of about percent in its 1998 earnings, to 2.5 Lion DM.

We have had amazing demand for the Passai, which is more expensive than the Golf, and domestic sales have been very strong," a VW spokesman, Kurt Rippholz, said.

Automakers' 2 Minds on Fuel Economy

By Keith Bradsher New York Times Service

DETROIT - The European operations of Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp. are supporting a plan to raise the average fuel economy of cars sold in Europe by nearly 20 percent, even as the North American operations of both automakers resist pressures to improve the far worse fuel economy of family vehicles here.

The European Automobile Manufacrurers Association, which includes Ford of Europe and GM's European subsidiaries, has offered to raise the average fuel economy of new cars sold in Europe to 6.03 liters per 100 kilometers (39 miles a gallon) of gasoline within 10 years, from 7.12 liters now.

By contrast, U.S. regulations require each automaker to produce cars with an average fuel economy of 8.55 liters per 100 kilometers. The requirement for light sport-utility vehicles and minivans, is 11.35 liters per 100 kilometers.

The automakers are working out the details of their offer - including whether the standard should apply to the small but growing fleet of European minivans and sport-utility vehicles -- with Euro-pean Union officials, who have expressed an interest in even higher fueleconomy standards.

If we were not acting, probably we would be confronted with regulatory measures that may be worse for us." said Camille Blum, the secretary-general of the European automakers trade group.

The split within Ford and General Motors, the world's two largest automakers. reflects the fact that gasoline in most industrialized nations can cost four times as much as in the United States because of higher taxes. That, in turn, makes Europeans more conscious of fuel economy

than their American counterparts.

In addition, pressure to reduce gasoline consumption and slow emissions of gases linked to global warming is greater in parts of Europe than in the United States.

Automakers plan to meet the tough new European rules by using more lightweight but costly materials, such as alu-minum, and by building smaller cars. The overall fuel economy of new vehicles in the United States has been

falling as sales of light trucks have risen while those of car sales have dwindled. So far, automakers are reluctant to do anything different in the United States. The Big Three — Ford, GM and Chrysler Corp. — make virtually all their profits on their biggest sport-utility vehicles and pickup trucks, which have

the worst fuel economy of all. The companies have hobbied strenuously and successfully against any increase in U.S. mileage standards for cars or light trucks.

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Consolidated Statements of Condition and Summaries of Results

These statements and summaries represent the consolidated accounts of Republic New York Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiaries and of Safra Republic Holdings S.A. and its wholly owned subsidiaries. Republic New York Corporation owns 49% of Safra Republic Holdings S.A., which is accounted for by the equity method.

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Few in Washington Rush to Help IMF 'Sky Doesn't Fall,' So Pleas for \$18 Billion in Support Go Unheeded

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON -- For months now, President Bill Clinton's administration has been warning Congress that failure to provide the International Monetary Fund with more money would be a reckless act, exposing the global economy to new crises and eodangering the liveliboods of American workers in the process.

proposed \$18 billion contribution to the IMF is looking increasingly doubtful, with the latest blow coming late last week in a decision by the Republican leadership to omit the funding from an emergency spending bill.

For the White House, part of the problem is that it is not easy to make a convincingly scary case about the implications of a negative vote on IMF

siegel, a director Investments Ltd., a Washington firm that invests in emerging markets. "It's not as though all of the money in the Fund is being pulled. This is a request for further funding, and if it's denied. the IMF will do what anyone would do in this circumstance, which is make do

with what it's got."
The \$18 billion includes \$3.5 billion in new borrowing authority and a But congressional approval of a \$14.5 billion addition to the IMF's capital base. It would not be a new appropriation but a form of credit line extended to the agency.

There is little dispute that the Fund's resources have been depleted hy the crisis in Asia, where the IMF has pledged to lend \$35 hillion of its own money toward more than \$100 billion in rescue packages for Thai-

land, South Korea and Indonesia. Those commitments leave the IMF.

"The sky doesn't fall." said Mark a sort of international credit union that is langed of member nations, with about \$40 billion of dollars, yen and other "hard" currencies. Less than half of that is available, in practical terms, for lending to financially strapped countries. because of the need to maintain a cushion of reasonable size.

Thus, the IMF is in no position to handle another Asia-sized crisis if one were to arise, for example, in Latin America or Eastern Europe — at least not by using its own money as aggressively as it did with the Asian tigers.

But that does not mean troubled countries would be allowed to collapse if a major crisis hit. Rather, the Fund would presumably dole out its own money sparingly and coordinate rescues hy tapping its richest members

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CYBERSCAPE

Inquiry Examines Windows 'Desktop'

By Rajiv Chandrasekaran Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON Two years ago, when a consumer flipped on a new personal computer for the first time. the image on the monitor ofscreen designed by the manufacturer of the PC.

The screens sometimes featured simple images that the user could click on with the mouse to start basic system functions: a calculator icon for a spreadsheet program, a ten wasn't the "desktop" of notepad for a word processor

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its on-line service, be the first

thing to appear when a com-

puter is turned on.

The requirement has emerged as an element of the Justice Department's invesogation into Microsoft's business practices and could be targeted in a hroad antitrust case the government is considering filing against the company, according to sources familiar with the matter. Microsoft cootends that the requirement is oecessary to ensure that new users see the features Windows has to offer.

'Under the law, a company has the right to ensure that its products are distributed in a way they designed them." said Mark Murray, a spokesman for Microsoft.

But some Microsoft rivals and computer makers contend that the requirement is anticompetitive and an unfair use of the company's market power with the Windows operating system, which runs more than 95 percent of new PCs. They argue that PC complained to Justice Departmakers should have more ment lawyers, the sources freedom to decide what users said. The manufacturers have see when a machine starts.

other game in town — and Microsoft knows that." The Justice Department's interest in the start-up restriction indicates that regulators are interested examining the conditions imposed on PC makers that want to license the operating system, legal specialists said. PC makers have been very reluctant to enticize Microsoft's requirement publicly, but they have

compete with the Windows

leverage their operating-sys-

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products and services," said

Ken Wasch, president of the Software Publishers Associ-

Critics say Microsoft

would not be able to impose

such conditions on PC makers in a more competitive

market. PC makers "would just license a different op-

erating system," said Mr. Wasch, who has urged the

government to address the re-

quirement, "But there's no

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"It's a way for there to

desktop, the critics say.

Microsoft's requirement, See WINDOWS, Page 13

German Rate Question Keeps Markets on Edge

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune

and by how much German interest rates - and, by extension, rates across the European Union — are likely to rise.

Despite assurances from a number of officials of the Bundesbank, including its chief economist, that rates are on hold for the foreseeable future, fasterthan-expected growth in Germany and France and the setting of cooversioo rates for the currencies participating in European monetary union are fanning expectations that rates in Europe are headed up. The setting of the rates is scheduled for Saturday.

This prospect, economists and markets in Europe, shaking up the dol- before those in the United States.

lar against the European currencies and

rattling European equity markets. The view at Goldman, Sachs & Co. PARIS - A sharp difference of is that faster European growth and the opinioo is developing in European capoeed to align short-term interest rates ital markets over whether, how soon among the countries participating in the mooetary union means that German short-term rates will rise 25 basis points, or a quarter of a percentage point, in July and another quarter-point before the end of the year.

that there will be no rate increase before the end of the year.

These Btark contrasts spell dramatically different expectations for exchange rates. Goldman Sachs sees the dollar Bt 1.60 Deutsche marks by the end of the year; Deutsche Bank pre-

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In the foreign-exchange market, the dollar ended the week at 1.7906 DM, down I percent for the week.

Despite evident concerns about currency and interest rates on U.S. and European markets, bankers reported no difficulty in marketing a heavy volume of new issues on the international mar-

It was also evident that appetite for efore the end of the year.

But the view at Deutsche Bank is strong. Costa Rica sold \$200 millioo of five-year notes at a spread of 235 basis points, while Panama sold \$300 million of 10-year bonds at a spread of 265 basis points over comparably dated

U.S. government paper.
Tatarstan, making its international debut, sold \$100 million of notes that dicts it will be at 1.82 DM. While both mature in 178 days and pay 14.5 perbanks expect U.S. interest rates to rise, cent, and the city of Moscow plans to traders say, is what is unsettling bond Goldman says German rates will rise tap the lira market with a three-year issue of 500 billion lire (\$282 million).

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Budget Surplus Gives Luster to Bonds

As Washington's Need to Borrow Falls, So Will Rates, Many Analysts Say

NEW YORK - Bond investors' optimism is growing right along with the estimates for this year's U.S. budget surplus — the first in almost three de-

Some Wall Street analysts now predict the surplus will swell to \$80 billion in the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30, quite a switch from six years ago when the budget deficit ballooned to a record of almost \$300 billion.

For bond investors, the surplus means the government will borrow less, which should raise the value of existing securities and drive interest rates lower.
"We'll see new lows in yields," said

Vic Thompson, who oversees \$150 billion in fixed-income securities for State Street Global Advisors in Boston. "The shrinking supply story creates an underlying firmness for bonds.

Because Treasury securities serve as a bellwether for interest rates in general, borrowing costs on everything from home mortgages to business loans are likely to fall, analysts said.

Benchmark 30-year bond yields fell as low as 5.66 percent in January, the lowest since the government began regular sales of the securities in 1977, as investors speculated that Asia's financial problems would subdue U.S. growth and stifle inflation. Since then, yields have moved between about 5.80 percent and 6.10 percent as traders waited for signs of the anticipated slowing. The 30-year bond ended Friday at 5.95 percent, up from 5.87 percent a

week earlier. Of course, cutbacks in government borrowing do not guarantee lower rates. With the economy still humming along at a pace that some fear could lead to higher inflatioo, many say that yields could rise in coming weeks. There is also growing speculation that Federal Reserve Board officials are getting tired of waiting for Asia's slowdown to put the brakes on U.S. growth.

There has been a shift in mood;

fact the Fed is back in the picture," said Ben Mayer, who manages \$1.3 billion in fixed-income assets at AMR Investments in Fort Worth, Texas.

Several recent comments by U.S. central bankers have suggested they are not sure to what extent Asia will weigh on U.S. growth. Fed Vice Chairman Alice Rivlin said Saturday that the "best bet for now is that the worst is over' in Asia. Brisk growth worries bond investors because it can trigger inflation, which

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erodes the value of securities that pay a fixed rate of return. If the Fed acts to slow growth by raising borrowing rates, that would diminish the allure of older securities that pay lower returns.

Inflation hawks may see early signs of price pressures in this week's release of the employment cost index for the first quarter. The index is believed to have risen at a 3.6 percent annual rate in the quarter, up from 3.3 percent in the first three months of last year.

"If ECI is a troublesome number, said Robert Fernald of Society Asset Management in Cleveland, referring to the employment cost index, "people might start thinking that maybe the in-flation good news is out of the market." Mr. Fernald helps manage \$3 billioo in bonds at Society Asset Management.

The employment cost index is considered the most accurate measure of hourly compensation, including wages, salaries and the cost of benefits such as health insurance and Social Security

contributions. Still, the vibrant U.S. economy is reducing the government's borrowing needs by generating hefty tax payments. and so far there has been little evidence that inflation is picking up. Consumer prices excluding food and energy rose just 2.1 percent in the 12 months through

Treasury officials last week reported

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people are being more respective of the a smaller-than-expected budget deficit in March, buoying expectations of a bigger surplus for the year. The Congressional Budget Office - which in January was forecasting a \$5 billion deficit - is expected to call in its next forecast for an \$18 billion surplus in the face of stronger-than-expected tax pay-

"Tax receipts will be enormous the surplus will continue to be revised said Kevin McClintock, who manages about \$5 billion of bonds at Drey-fus Corp. "The supply-demand scenar-io is extremely favorable."

The Treasury also announced plans to raise \$24 billion at its monthly auctions this week of two-year and five-year note auctions — \$1 billion less than the month before and a sign that the Treasury is already cutting its borrowing.

Some analysts have even speculated

that the Treasury could eliminate its sale of three-year notes when it announces details of next month's quarterly debt sales. Treasury officials are also considering a suggestion by a Wall Street, advisory panel that it repurchase some of its debt with the surplus.

"A repurchase program has a lot of benefits," said Michael Ryan, a government bond strategist at PaineWebber Inc. "It would allow the Treasury to continue to have good-sized anctions and maintain liquidity in the market while reducing its debt load."

PaineWebber is forecasting a surplus of about \$80 billion this year and longterm bond yields of 5 percent by the end

The higher yields that U.S. Treasury issues offer compared with the bonds of most other developed nations makes them even more attractive with the pool securities diminishing, investors

"High-quality assets are getting scarcer," said Mr. Thompson. "That's why we will see bonds hang in there." He said 30-year yields could fall below 5 percent in coming years.

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The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, April 27-May 1

Brussels: European Union summit **Dallas:** Employment Management Association's annual conferance. monetary union Jan. 1 end the retes Wednesday through Friday parency Conference. Through

Washington: Home resales data

for March. Earnings expected: Estee Lauder, Newmont Mining, Nova, Tyson Foods, Union Carbide, Placer Dome.

London: Harmonized consumer for March. price index for March. Paris: Consumer spending data for Rome: Hourly wage data for March. sumer confidence index for April. Stockholm: Producer price index-

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Auburn Hills, Michigan: Chrysler to release sales data for April. Caracas: Consumer price Indax for

nomic growth for the first quarter,

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New International Bond Issues

Compiled by Charlotte Sector

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A schedule of this week's economic and financial events, compiled for the international Herald Tribune by Bloomberg Business News Americas Mexico City: Latin America Trans-

St. Louis: Annual "Economic Crima Summit." Through Wadnesday. Mexico City: Manufacturing output

Buenos Aires: Construction deta Mexico City: Foreign reserves. Washington: Durable-goods orders for March; Conference Board's con-

Mexico City: Mining industry output data for February.
Earnings expected: Columbia/ HCA Healthcare, Grupo Gigante, Humana, Sunbeam, Viecom, Ericsson Telecommunications, International

Ottawa: Gross domestic product data for February. Santiago: Companies are required to report first-quarter earnings.

Washington: Initial estimata of eco-

new-home sales for March.

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Ţokyo's Stimulus Plan Doesn't Excite Markets

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Japanese call their govenment's repeated efforts to get the economy moving "strip-tease policy," according to Philippa Malmgren of Bankers Trust Co. in London - hut no one on foreign-exchange markets seems to be getting excited by it.

1 Japan's cabinet approved its largest economic-sumulus package so far Friday, a combination including tax cuts and public-works spending with a total value put at 16.6 trillion yen (\$128 hillion). L But only the possibility of yet another

package, or the fear of another bruising round of official intervention to keep asset prices where Tokyo wants them, inhibits investors from acting out their disapproval by dumping yen wholesale.

PARIS — Japan's latest economic

revival plan is expected to dominate

the agenda at a meeting of the 29-

country Organization for Economic

Cooperation and Development start-

What promised at first to be a rather

Diplomats in Paris said before the

talks that some would be seeking "strong language on demand-led

previous week.

Nevertheless, Ms. Malmgren said, a further depreciation of the yen is in-

In her view, the 7.7 trillion yen in spending on public works in the latest

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package is an impressively large figure, but only because it is not included in the calculation of the government's deficit under the Fiscal Consolidation Act.

That law, which requires a deficit no larger than 3 percent by 2003, keeps Tokyo from spending its way to an economic recovery. Although the government agreed Friday to delay that deadline until 2005, Ms. Malmgren said the un-

Economic Plan for Japan Is Likely to Preoccupy OECD Meeting

rowth" from a Japanese team led by

Koji Omi, the Economic Planning

Agency minister and a key player in

OECD economic forecasters say Ja-

pan is on the brink of recession, with

its economy expected to shrink 0.3 percent in 1998. The International

Monetary Fund predicts zero growth

more out of this Paris meeting, above

all, political backing to keep talks alive

on a stalled investment-liberalization

treaty, the Multilateral Agreement on

But OECD officials also hope to get

Tokyo's latest endeavors.

The dollar finished last week at 131.25 yen, down 0.4 percent from the remained unanswered: Is its main aim to exchange rate is not manipulated, the control the deficit or to fix the econ-

> Robert Feldman at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Tokyo said the stimulns plan "at best stops the deflationary spiral and offers protection against the worst of the downside." But, he said, "This is not the stuff on which a long-term upgrade of the Japanese economy is made." He said the dollar was headed to 140 yen.

> Even Brendan Brown, a London-based analyst at Tokyo-Mitsnhishi Bank Ltd. who warns against underestimating bow much such a large spending package could spur a recovery, sees the yen akening.

> "The exchange rate is no longer the issue," he said. "So long as Japan is doing what the international community

The OECD secretary-general, Don-ald Johnston, said the goal of the meet-

ing would be to "keep the mo-

mentum," hut he and other officials

acknowledged that there was little

hope of setting a new deadline for a

Prospects of an accord on the treaty

in the near future died this month, with

the United States saying it was un-

happy with the treaty and in no hurry to

pass it and France, under pressure

from a film-industry lobby, saying it

could not support such a treaty unless

cultural material continued to get spe-

exchange rate is not manipulated, the dollar can climb to 140 yen and it would be no big deal." Yen weakness will be driven by huge capital outflows from Japan in search of higher yields in U.S. and European markets, he said.
But Jim O'Neill of Goldman, Sachs

& Co. in London cautioned against assuming a sharp sell-off of the yen. Although questioning whether the package can trigger a self-sustaining recovery, he asked why the Bank of Japan needed a record \$200 hillion in reserves.

They could be halved and Japan would soll have the largest ratio of reserves to imports of any other G-7 country," he said, referring to the Group of Seven leading industrialized nations.

By running down the reserves, he said, Japan could affect the foreign exchange market, hold the dollar within a range of 127 yen to 133 yen and 'huy time for a new package of more convincing measures' after elections in July for the upper house of the Diet, Japan's Par-

■ Israel Plans New Deregulation

The Israeli government plans to announce further steps Tuesday in its strategy to ease restrictions on shekel trading as part of its policy of opening the economy, Bloomberg News reported Sunday from Jerusalem.

Finance Minister Yaacov Neeman will announce the steps, which will apply to individual Israelis only, at a meeting of the parliamentary Finance Committee, a spokesman said. He said other details such as rules governing foreign and insutucional investors would come later.

IMI and San Paolo Set Terms of Merger

MILAN --- Istituto Bancario San Paolo di Torino SpA and Istituto Mobiliare Italiano SpA agreed Sunday to the final details of their 16.7 trillion lire (\$9.39 hillion) merger, creating Italy's largest commercial banking company and the nation's second-higgest secu-

San Paolo agreed to offer IMI shareholders 1.045 of its own shares for each IMI share outstanding, valuing them at 27,836 lire apiece after the payment of 1997 dividends, or a 4.3 percent premium to IMI's stock price Friday. The terms give IMI 44.7 percent of the new company and San Paolo 55.3 percent.

Together, the combined bank, to be called San Paolo-IMI, will have about 350 trillion lire in assets, 1,413 branches, 25,000 workers. and 100 trillion lire of funds under management.

The San Paolo-IMI combination, proposed late last year, was the first of a series of recent large mergers to have swept Italy's banking industry, which faces increased competition from foreign banks with the advent of the single currency in 1999.

IMI's chairman, Luigi Arcuo, is expected to be confirmed as the combined bank's chairman at San Paolo's shareholders meeting in Turin on Thursday. An IMI director-general, Rainer Masera, and an Paolo's chief executive, Luigi Maranzana, are expected to be named co-chief execuoves.

IMF: Squeeze on Funding:

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for extra cash, first relying on a \$25 billion international credit line the United States and other wealthy countries have pledged, then turning to other-

"They would have to go around hat in hand and try to put something to-gether," said Morris Goldstein, a scholar at the Institute for International Economics, a Washington think tank. They can always do some kind of ad. hoc arrangement, drawing on whoever the regional 'Big Daddy' is.' That happened in 1995 during the Mexican' peso crisis, when the U.S. Treasury provided Mexico with an emergency. oan of \$12 hillion.

In other words, there still could be an international safety net to protect against crises, but it would be a considerably flimsier one than has existed in the past.

Political opposition runs high in the United States to lending giganoc amounts of money directly to other na-tions, and other rich countries such as Japan or Germany would presumably be reluctant to provide funds in the absence

of U.S. leadership.
Paradoxically, another reason the IMF funding legislation has lost support in Congress is that the Asian countries rescued by the IMF have stabilized.

'Until a few weeks ago, there was, this sense of crisis and fear among Republicans that if something went wrong in the financial markets, they would be hlamed," a former IMF official said. "But now there's a sort of 'why-bother'

ritualistic debate on Asia's financial crisis has evolved into a chance for European finance ministers to discuss Tokyo's hlueprint for resuscitating the world's second-largest economy.

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ing Monday.

What Momentum Has Going for It

By Arlene Weintraub New York Times Service

NEW YORK --- It would be difficult to find two more cosmopolitan stockpickers

Henrik Strabo, 3g, a native of Copenagen, moved to the United States as a feenager to attend the University of Washington and decided to sock

Mark Kopinski, 41, took a different route, leaving his home near Chicago in 1973 to become an exchange student in Kariya, Japan. He liked it so much that he did oot return for quite a while either, after fiving in Tokyo for 10 years.

But ask these globetrotters how their American Century-Twentieth Century Internacional Discovery fund has managed to achieve its white-hot performance, and the impassioned response has nothing to with their worldliness.

Instead, they cite their absolute belief in the power of momentum investing: the much-criticized practice of piling ioto stocks of companies whose profits are on the upswing.

"Whether it's a software company or or an auto company, we're looking for

mannered Mr. Strabo said as he pounded the table. "We firmly believe that there's nothing like a couple of good earnings announcements to get these

stocks to move." It is likely that Mr. Strabo and Mr. Kopinski are making believers out of their investors. For the three years that ended April 17, the fund had an average annualized return of 30.1 percent, compared with just 13.5 percent for its peer

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group of international stock funds, according to Morningstar Inc., the financial publisher in Chicago.

The momentum label, of course, is seldom meant as a compliment.

First, critics complain that by paying scant heed to macroeconomic condioons, a momentum fund cannot pick a turnaround situation in the offing. But Mr. Kopinksi contended that the fund did exactly that by looking at what he called "micro-industry" statistics such as department-store sales and machinery orders.

Then there is the issue of wild volatility, which critics say is characterisoc momentum style of investing. Mr.

risky than rival offerings.

cial protection.

According to Morningstar, the fund's three-year standard deviation, a common measure of volatility, is 14.5 percent, just slightly greater than that of its

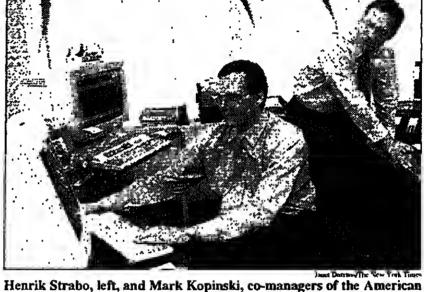
While other international funds often balance their portfolios on the hasis of which countries are the strongest economically, Discovery's managers would rather spend their time sifting through earnings reports.

This intense focus on individual companies lets them spot trouble before many top-down strategists do, they said. A recent example was the Asian market plunge last year.

"I think a lot of people were positive about Asia because they fell into what I call the GDP-growth trap," Mr. Strabo said. "They were saying, 'these economies are growing 6 percent a year or more, so it has to he a great place to invest,' which is simply not true.

'What we saw in Asia some time ago was margins coming under pressure and a very consistent deceleration in earn-The fund had 18.5 percent of its assets

in Asia at the beginning of 1997. By ember, as the Asian economies earnings growth," the usually mild- Kopinski denied that his fund was more started their meltdown, Discovery had technology.



Century-Twentieth Century International Discovery mutual fund.

whittled that down to just 6.1 percent, having shifted much of its money to Europe, where it now invests 80 percent of its assets.

Privatization and the pending introduction of a common currency in Europe have stimulated growth in sevindustries, notably information

"We're seeing the telcos, utilities, air-ports and so forth being privatized, and as that process goes through, those companies will need to become more efficient, which means they'll be using more technology," Mr. Strabo said. "Also, the common currency requires a lot of preparation. That creates huge opportunities for technology companies.

WINDOWS: Control of Desktop

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told investigators they worry that speaking out could harm their relationship

with Microsoft, the sources said. Compaq Computer Corp., which offered an 'Acoviry Manager' shell on some of its Presario models until early last year, said it removed the program because of "customer feedback.

But executives at two other PC makers, who asked not to be named, said they were upset with the start-up restricoon hut were unable to get Microsoft to change it. The execuoves said shell programs were a key way to differendate their machines from those of their com-

petitors, particularly on store shelves. One of the execuoves said his company wanted to add a pop-up menu that would appear the first time the computer starts, to be followed by a shell program for successive start-ups, but dropped the idea when Microsoft opposed it.

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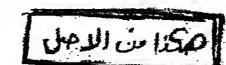
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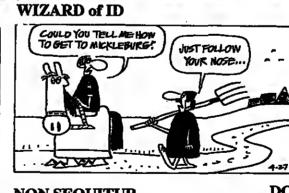
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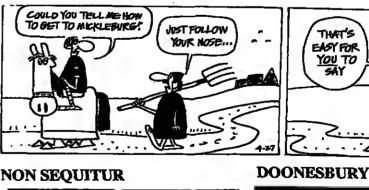


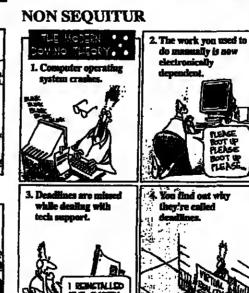


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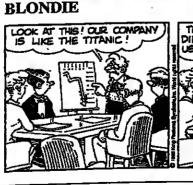






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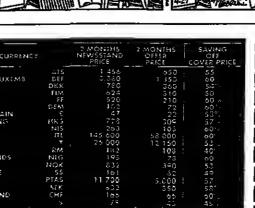
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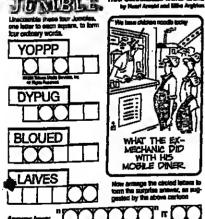


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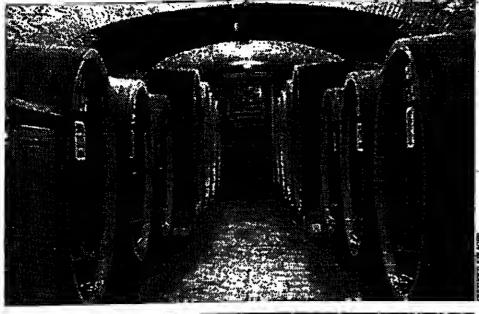
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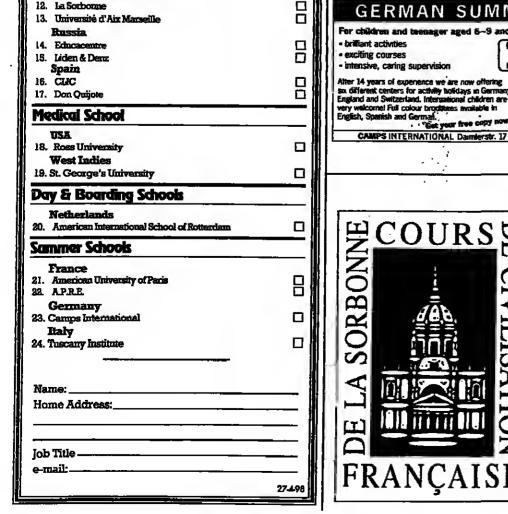
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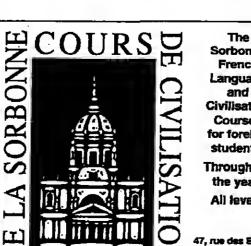
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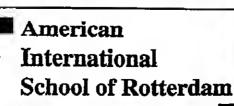
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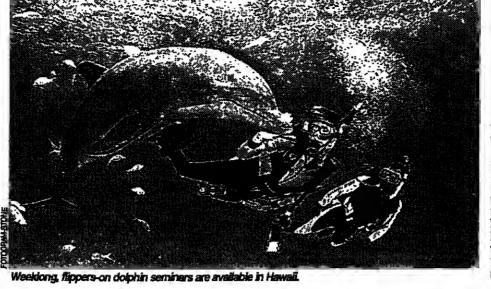
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t's ooe of life's ironies that many people spend the first two decades of their lives awaiting the arrival of summer to free them from the drudgery of school, only to find themselves in later decades storming the registration lines for admission to summer

Must be a sign of the times, but nobody seems to want to be caught doing nothing anymore. With time's winged chariot rushing toward The Millennium, students of eras past are fast returning to school to upgrade their skills, discover new talents, or simply load up oo brain food while traveling abroad. Many of these born-again students are returning - under a variety of circumstances to the hallowed halls of the planet's oldest and most revered universities.

Miami-based University Vacations organizes huxurious learning vacations to many of these groves of academia, including a oneweek trip to one of the most senior of them all - Italy's University of Bologna. Founded in the early 11th century, Bologna welcomed as its first students princes and aristocrats, who came from afar to study astronomy and philosophy. Those who follow in their footsteps in 1998 will find things perhaps not so different. In between lectures at the university by medieval Italian art and history experts and field trips through both baroque Bologna and nearby Byzantine Ravenna, students shack up at the former palace of the powerful Malvezzi family and chow down at elegant restaurants serving five-course Bolognaise banquets.

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tudying at the Diálogo Institute furnishes one with a great excuse to visit one of the oldest preserved colonial cities in the Americas, Salvador da Bahia. An intoxicating mixture of baroque churches and tropical beaches, here Afro-Brazilian culture reigns and drumdriven music seeps into every aspect of life.

Daily morning classes are supplemented by field trips to beaches, markets and Bahia's historical center. The Summer Program goes furer by adding an afternoon of Afro-Brazilian cultural activities, which range from dancing a capoeira to preparing a spicy crab

To complete the experience, the school places students in the bornes of local families - probably among the most hospitable on the planet - although guest houses and hotels are also available.

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Bayern Stays in Touch

Champion Keeps Chasing Kaiserslautern; Porto and Bruges Clinch Championships

MUNICH — Bayern Munich, beat Bayern Leverkusen, 2-1, Sunday to keep alive its title hopes in the Bundes-

The victory pulled the defending champion to within one point of Kais-

EUROPIAN SOCCER ROUNDUP erslautern. Kaiserslautern has three matches to play, Bayern has only two. Michael Tarnat scored with a free kick after 16 minutes. Ruggiero Rizzitelli shook off two Leverkusen players to score the second in the 49th minute.

Paulo Rink scored from close range in the 83d minute for third-place Leverkusen, which saw its last hopes of finishing second and gaining a place in next season's Champions League berth

slip away after a dismal performance.
'I'm speechless. The players knew what this match meant — it meant everything," said Christoph Daum, the

On Friday, Kaiserslautern beat Borussia Moenchengladbach, 3-2, after trailing 2-0. Olaf Marschall scored a hat-trick, heading in the 3-2 game-winner seconds before end.

ENGLAND A brilliant goal by Dennis Bergkamp and one from Marc Overmars gave Arsenal a 2-0 victory at Barnsley to put the London clob four points ahead at the top of the Premier League. Arsenal needs six points from

its last four games to clinch the title. Manchester United, the only team that can catch Arsenal, plays Crystal Palace oo Monday.

On Sunday, Leicester City scored twice in the first two minutes and twice

more in the next 13 as it won, 4-0, at Derby County. Emile Heskey scored twice and Muzzy Izzet and Ian Marshall once each. All the goals were headers.

BELGIUM FC Bruges clinched the Belgian league title Sunday without kicking a ball when second-place Racing Genk lost its last chance to catch the leader. Genk lost, 3-1, at home to last season's champion Lierse, leaving Bruges with an insurmountable 11point lead with three rounds to play.

PORTUGAL Porto won the Portuguese championship for the fourth successive year when it beat Boavista, 3-2, in Oporto on Sunday. Porto needed just one point after Benfica drew, 0-0, at Varzim on Saturday.

METHERLANDS Feyenoord came back from 3-0 down at halftime to gain a 3-3 draw with PSV Eindhoven on Sunday. PSV still needs two points from its last two games to clinch the second Dutch Champions League berth.

Ajax, already the champion, lost only its second game of the season, going down, 2-0, at Vitesse Arnhem. Ajax failed to score for the first time in the

SPAIN Atletico Madrid's hopes of qualifying for UEFA Cup play next season took another setback Sunday when Atletico conceded a late penalty and with it two points in a 2-2 tie at home with Tenerife. Barcelona, which has already clinched first place, drew, 1-

1, with Espanyol on Saturday. ITALY Parma and Udinese earned key victories over the two Roman teams in the battle for UEFA Cup places.

Parma fought back from a 1-0 deficit with two goals in a three-minute span of as Lens crushed visiting Bastia, 5-1, to



Zinedine Zidane of Juventus, left, challenging Inter Milan's Javier Zanetti for control of the ball in their league game Sunday in Turin.

Lazio, 2-1, in Rome. Udinese beat Roma, 4-2, in Udine as Oliver Bierhoff scored twice to take the league lead

from Ronaldo of Inter with 23 goals. Lecce was routed 5-1 at Empoli to lose any hope of staving off demotion. In other games, Roberto Baggio

raised his slim hopes of a spot on the World Cup roster by scoring two goals for the second straight week as Bologna won, 3-1, in Brescia.

the second half to beat third-place move closer to its first French league

championship Saturday. Second-place Metz stayed two points behind after surviving several scares to win, 1-0, at Toulouse and take the title race to the final round of games May 9. Metz must win its last game at home to Lyon and hope that Lens loses at Aux-

whose goal difference is far superior. SCOTLAND Rino Gattuso scored wice as Rangers, second in the premier division, beat third-place Heart, 3-0, Saturday while Celtic, the league leader. were held at home hy Hibernian.

erre. A draw should be enough for Lens,

Anton Slips by Moroccan In London Marathon

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON - Abel Anton of Spain, the world champion marathon runner. overtook Abdelkader Mouaziz, a Moroccan, near the finish line to win the London Marathon on Sunday.

The Spaniard made up a 100-yard

deficit in the final mile to win in 2 hours 7 minutes and 57 seconds, two seconds behind the race record set last year by Antonio Pinto of Portugal.

Mouaziz, who was tiring, held on for second place, 10 seconds slower, and Pinto placed third in 2:08.13.

Catherina McKiernan made up a deficit of 1 minnte 40 seconds to easily win the women's race.

The Irish runner swept past Lidia Simon of Romania and Adriana Fernandez of Mexico with five miles (8 kilometers) to go and won in 2 hours 26 minutes 26 seconds.

Liz McColgan, who was 28 seconds behind McKiernan, placed second.

Joyce Chepchumba, the defending nits ist, was third in 2:27.22.

In the men's race, Anton and Pinto. usually rivals, worked together to catch Mouaziz. "We tried to work together to, try and catch the Moroccan and I said to Abel, 'We did a good job, you go and try to catch him.' 'Pinto said.

Anton slowed slightly when he waved to the crowds in the straight near the finish line and that cost him the race record and a \$25,000 bonus to go with his \$55,000 winner's check. "Maybe when I'm 60 years old I will think that I lost \$25,000 waving to the people," said the Spaniard.

• Fikadu Bekele of Ethiopia won the

Madrid Marathon on Sunday. Bekele, who lives in Spain, finished in 2:17.59 more than two minutes ahead of Jesus de Grado. Josefa Cruz of Spain won the women's race in 2:39:11, followed by Yesina Centeno of Cuba at 2:44:57.

(AP. Reusers, AFP)

Casino Rider Wins Amstel Gold

MAASTRICHT, the Netherlands ---Rolf Jaermann held off Maarten den Bakker in a two-man sprint to win the Amstel Gold World Cup race hy half a

bicycle length. Jaermann, a 32-year-old Swiss rider with the Casino team, also won the race in 1993. This was the first victory in a World Cup classic for the French cycling team. Den Bakker, a Dutchman with Rabobank, tried twice to shake off Jaermann on the final climh four kilometers

from the end, but the Swiss held on. Michele Bartoli, an Italian with Asics

and the winner of the Liege-Bastogne-Liege World Cup race last week, was third op Saturday, 21 seconds behind in the 257 kilometer (159-mile) Amstel. Bartoli retained his lead in World Cup standings after the fifth race in the

10-classic series. Riding in a front group of 25 men. Michael Boogerd of Rabobank staged the decisive attack on the Cauberg hill 61 kilometers from the line.

He was soon joined at the front by six others, including den Bakker and Jacrmann, who later attacked successfully and battled out the sprint. (AP, Reuters)

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Mr. Garnett 8-182-318, Marbury 4-143-313,
Parter 4-11 4-4 13: 5: Baker 11-19 3-4 25,
Puyton 7-187-219, Reboards—Minnesofa 60
(Garneti 18), Sectifie 58 (Baker 12),
Assists—Minnesofa 19 (Marbury 5), Sectifie
25 (Paytan 7).

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Pertland 25 (Stoudamire 10), Las Angeles 19
(Harry 5).

(Les Angeles leads series 1-0)

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25: I: Miller 5-16 6-4 18, O.Dovis 8-9 1-4 17, Rass 7-1 3-4 17. Rebeated:—Ceveland 41 (Ilgourskas 10), Indiano 39 (D.Dovis 10), Sasists—Ceveland 17 (Knight 7), Indiano 19
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8-14 5-7 21. Reberads— San Antonio 49
(D.Robinson 16), Phesoit 39 (McDyess II).
Assists—Sen Antonio 23 (A-Johnson 8).

Phoenix 26 (Kidd 10).

(Series fied I-1)

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Rebeards—Alfornis 30 (Henderson, Muriambo 9), Charlothe 46 (Rice 13).

Assists—Alfornia 20 (Bioylock 13), Charlothe 20 (Divar, Wester 6).
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HOCKEY NHL PLAYOFFS

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(Octes) Third Period: B-Allison 1 (Sprisonov).

4. B-Awelmon 1 (Bourque, Carter) 5. B-Van Impa 1 (Allbon, Bourque) (pp). 6, W-Gonchor 2. First Overlione: None. Second Overlione: 7, B-Van Impe 2 (Allison, Kirtstich). Shels on post: B-10-7-11-11-3-6. VI-39-10-6-0-28. Godfes: B-Dolce. W-Kotzip.

First Period: P-Gartner 1 (Diduct., Mactiver)
(ppl. 2. P-Titocturk 1 (Roenick., Jamesy) 2. O-Lardonov 1 (Knutike. Lidstrom) Second.
Period: P-Tocchet 3 (Twerdursky, Shannon)
S. P-Roenick 1, (sh.). 6, P-Roenick 2. (sh.). 7,
D-Dundenault 1 (Halmstrom, Eritssam)
(ppl. 8, P-Tucchet 3 (Roenick, Jamesy) 9, D-Fedorov 3 (McCarty, Murphy) Third
Period—10, P-Tocchet 3 (Druke, Ramsing)
11, D-Fedorov 3 (McCarty, Yzersam) (pp),
Shots on goed: P. 9-7-13—28, D. 10-1711—38, Gentlies: P. Khabibulin, D-Osgand.
(Gartes tied 1-1)
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Offere New Jersey
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BrindtAmour) Section Peried: P-Gratton 2.
Third Peried: B-Grasek 2 (Barmsty, Plantle)
(pp). 4 B-Ward 1, 5 P-L-Clair 1 (Liadras,
Desjardins) (pp). Shots on goad: B- 7-11-

(Series fied 1-1)

San Jose
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Pariset: D-Lehtinen 1 (Hatcher, Zvbov)
(ppl. 2, D-Hatcher 3 (Wahrichuk, Hogue)
Secard Pariod: D-Varbeek 1 (Hogue, Reid)
(pp). 4, D-Hogue 5 (Chambers, Zubov) (pp).
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(Nicholis, Nalan) Shals on goet S.J.- 4610-20. D- 5-9-6-20. Goeffess: S.J.-Vennon,
Hrader, D-Beffoyf. Hrudey, D-Belfour. (Dalles leads series 2-0)

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First Period: C-Kamersky 1 (Forsberg, Dzelinsk) (pp), 2 C-Forsberg 3 (Ozolinsk) Second Period: E-Guerin 2 (Milronov, Hamnifik) (pp), 4 C-Sakk: 1 (Forsberg, Roy) (sh), 5, C-Forsberg 4 (Sakk: Ozolinsk) (pp), Third Period: C-Kamersky 2 (Forsberg), 7, E-Guerin 3 (Weight Hamnifik) (pp), Shels en godd: E-6-8-13-27. C 12-16-14-32. Goalies: E-Joseph, Essensa, C-Roy, (Series fied 1-1) SATURDAY MESSLITS SATURDAY RESULTS

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3 (Turgeon, GIR) (pp). She's en peck L.A.-6
12-9-27. S.L.-5
Short. S.L-Fuhr.
(St. Louis leads series 2-0)
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Pittsburgh 1 12-4
First Period: P-Okzyk 1 (Barnes, Francis)
(pp). 2 M-Damphrusse 1 (Malakhov, Corson) (pp). Second Period: P-Barnes 2 (Jogr. Okausson) Third Period: P-Barnes 3 (Lung, Jogn S. P-Francis I (Jogr. Okausson) (en). She's en goal: M-10-3-15-28. P-13-12-4-28. Gealies: M-Moog. P-Borrasso.
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Camsdo, Winfields Williams, 1:35:19.183; 5.
Heinz-Haraid Frentzen, Germany, Winfield
Williams, 1:35:42.069; 6. Jean Alesi, Franca,
Sabbes-Petronos, 134:23.069; 7. Rnf Schu-Williams. 1:35:42.067 & Jean Alesi, Francis, Soobes-Petronos, 1:34:20.672 7. Rati Schumacher, Germany, Jordon-Mugen Handa, 1:34:34.796 B. Esteban Tuera, Argentina, 1:35:38.285; 9. Mika Sola, Finiand, Arrows, 1:35:55.855; 10. Denmo Hill. Britain, Jordon-Mugen Honda, 1:29:29.292.

DRIVERS STANDINGS 1. Mika Hakkin-n. Finiand, ArcLaren. 26 points; 3. Covifficat, 22: 3. Schumacher, 22: 4. Irfine, 11; 5. Frentzes, 8; 6. Alexander Witz, Austria, Benefich, 5.7. Villeneuro, 3: 8. Alexander Witz, Austria, Benefich, 5.7. Villeneuro, 3: 8. Alexander Witz, Austria, Benefich, 5.7. Villeneuro, 3: 10. Glancotte Fisichella, (69), Benefich, 1.

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McLoren-Mercedes 49 points 2. Ferrart 31; 3. Winfield-Williams, 13; 4. Benetton, 7; 5.

CYCLING WORLD CUP

AMSTEL GOLD

Leading finishers Saturday in the Amstel old 255-kilometer (159-mile) typiling race, In Marstrichs, Necherlands:

1. Raif Joermann, Switzerland, 6 hours, 43 minutes, 20 seconds; 2. Moorten den Bakker, Netherlands, s.t.; 1. Michele Bartoll, Itoly, 31

Nestroflands, s.t.; 2. Michael Bartal, fray, 31 seconds behind. 4. Michael Boogerd, Nethoriamds, s.l.; 5. Bo Hamburger, Demmark, s.t.; 6. Germano Pierdomenico, (taly, 32 seconds behind. 7. Laurent Dataus, Switzerland, s.l.; 8. Andrei Tchnill, Belghem, 3 minufes, 27 seconds behind. 9. Alberto Elli, Naly, s.t.; 10. Andrea Farrigaria, Italy, s.t. WORLD CUP STANDERGS (After 6 sventa): 1. Bortol, 206 points: 2. Franco Bolicrini, Italy, 132: 3. Emmanuel Magnica. France, 130: 4. Tokail. 129: 5. Stefano Zonial. First Period: W-Tridonen 2 (Johansson, Maly, 118; 6, Reit Joenson, Switzerland, 110; Ostes) (pp), Second Period: W-Johansson 1 7. Erik Zebel, Germany, 100; 8. Johan

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SENSTINALS
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Krajicok (7), Netherlands, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; Cedric,
Pioline (10), France, def. Alberto Berusolegui. (12), Spoin, 6-3, 0-6, 7-6 (7-5).

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Mikuel Tristrom, Sweden, def. Andrew Ilie.

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def. Alex Catatrova. Spoln. 6-4. 2-6. 6-4.

Michoel Chang (1). United States. def.

Marcio Carlsson, Brazil, 6-3. 6-1; Jim Courier

(3), United States, def. Marcella Croca, Germany. 6-0. 6-3.

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(3), Itoly, def. Morio Sanchez-Lorenzo (8), Soois, 6-2, 6-1 Spoin, 6-2, 6-1.
Sarah Pittowski (5), France, def. Julie
Halard-Decugis, France, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; Vireinia Roone Poscural (7), Spain, def. Rha kufi kis, Hungary, 6-3, 6-0.
SEBERTALS
Forma (2) def. Fong (6), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; RuonoPoscural (7) def. Pittowski (5), 2-6, 6-1, 7-5.

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AMERICAN LAGUE

GETROIT—Cloimed INF Jeff Monto off
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Scott Sonders for ossignated.

TEXAS—Put RHP Roger Pavilk on 15-day,
disabled list. Baught controct of RHP Al Ley,
ine from Didahoma, PCL

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

LOS ANGELES - Activated 1B Eric Karras
from 15-day disabled list. Optioned 1B-OF
Paul Komerko to Albuqueraue, PCL.
PHILADELPHIA—Put RHP Ricky Bottafica
on 15-day disabled list. Bought contract of
LHP Yarkis Perez from Scranton-WilkeisBorre IL.

SAN DIEGO—Put LHP Mark Langston on 15-day disabled fist. Recolled RMP Danne Wall from Las Vegos, PCL. SAN FRANCISCO—Bought contract of INF. Jeff Ball from Fresno, PCL. Optioned RHP SAN FRANCISCO.—Bought contract of INF. Jeff Ball from Fresno, PCL. Optlaned RHP Russ Orliz to Fresno.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHRISCO-Signed FB Tim Tindele to 1-year Control. BASKETSALL

CHICAGO—Signed FB Tim Tindale to 1-year contract,
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KANSAS CITY—Signed WR Danan Hughes and LB Grea Manusky to 3-year contracts.

Released CB Darren Anderson.

MIAMI—Returned RB Rashban Saloam to the Chicago Beats after he tailed physical.

Signed DT Antoine Simpson and DT Ray mand White.

N.Y. 18TS—Signed DT Geno Bell, CB Cedric Danaldson, WR Nokia Jankirs, FB Keith Lo-Zowski, LB John Munch, WR Brian Musso.

DT David Viner and CB Janned Woods.

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FLORIDA—Re-Signed RW Dino Ciccorolli to 2-year contract.

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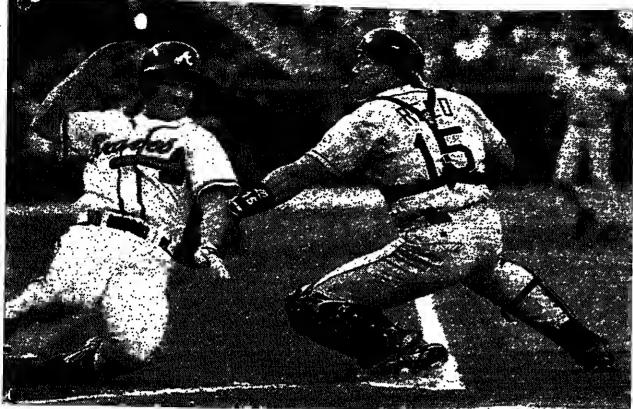
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SPORTS

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The Rockies' catcher, Jeff Reed, tagging out Keith Lockhart of the Braves. Colorado beat host Atlanta, 11-7.

Castilla Homers Twice Off Maddux

Slugger Gives Colorado Victory and Takes NL Lead in Home Runs

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Vinny Castilla homered twice Sunday to take over the National League lead with 11, and the Colorado Rockies took a six-run lead against Greg Maddux and held on to beat the Atlanta Braves.

- Castilla was 4-for-4 and drove in five runs. He hit a two-run double off Maddux in the four-run first, a two-run homer in the third and a solo homer in the eighth off Mike Cather, Castilla, who raised his average to .323, also leads the league with 32 runs batted in.

Maddux was pounded for six runs and 10 hits in five innings. It was the most runs and hits he had allowed since June 7, 1996, when the Rockies got seven carned runs in 31/3 innings in Denver. Phillies 9, Cardinals 3 In Philadelphia.

Curt Schilling struck out 13 and Mike Lieberthal homered and drove in four runs as the Phillies beat St. Louis. Schilling fanned Mark McGwire three times and increased his major-

league leading strikeout total to 65. Lieberthal's two-run homer in the sixth came off Todd Stottlemyre after the Cardinals had tied it 3-3 in the top of the inning. The Phillies then broke it open with four in the seventh off reliever John Frascatore.

In games played Saturday: Cardinals 8, Phillies 5 McGwire hit his 10th home run, driving in two runs to p a six-run seventh as visiting St. Louis rallied from a 5-0 deficit and

The Associated Press

.BALTIMORE - Cal Ripken

stretched his major-league record of

consecutive games to 2,500 and marked

the occasion by driving in three runs as

the Baltimore Orioles walloped the

On Saturday night, he broke open a

scoreless game with a two-run, oppos-

ite-field bloop single in the sixth inning.

He also had an infield single with the

today," Ripken said. "I got lucky and

issumed the ball in right field and the other groundball had eyes and went to

Ripken's record-setting streak began

Ripken homered on the night he tied Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130 succes-

sive games on Sept. 5, 1995, and he also

homered again when he broke the mark

The crowd of 46,026 gave Ripken a

standing ovation for two minutes as the

scoreboard flashed the numbers 2-5-0-0

before the sixth inning. Ripken doffed

his cap several times while standing at

five lifetimes," he said before the game.

But all eyes were focused on him in

the sixth. After Joe Carter led off with a

Sometimes, you get a little embar-

rassed if you get too much attention."

"Truthfully, I've gotten enough attention to last forever, or at least four or

"I think luck played a lot into it

bases loaded in a five-run seventh.

Oakland Athletics, 8-2.

right spot of the field.'

May 30, 1982.

one night later.

stopped a three-game losing streak.
Philadelphia's starter, Matt Beech.

took e one-hitter into the seventh. Rockies 11, Braves 7 In Atlanta, Castilla hit his ninth homer and every Colorado starter but Mike Lansing had at least one run batted in as the Rockies

NL ROUNDUP

outslugged Atlanta for the second time in six days. The Rockies, who had just two victories in their previous eight games, fell behind 2-0 in the first hut rallied for six runs in the third.

Padres 4, Pirates 3 In San Diego. Steve Finley hit a run-scoring single with one out in the 16th inning to end the longest game in the major leagnes this season and give the Padres a victory over Pittshurgh.
Finley, who grounded out with the

bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth, lined a single to left-center field to score Quilvio Veras and end the 4-hour, 31minute marathon. Reds 2, Mets o David Weathers. who

had rejoined Cincinnati a night earlier after attending his father's funeral, allowed six hits in eight shutout innings to lead the visiting Reds over New York. Weathers struck out seven and walked two. Masato Yoshii, the Mets' 32-yearold rookie pitcher from Japan, allowed both Cincinnati runs.

Giants 2, Browers 1 Kirk Rneser combined with two relievers on a three-

Ripken Marks Game 2,500 With 3 RBIs

single off Jimmy Haynes and Rafael Palmeiro donbled. Ripken delivered a

blooper on a 1-1 pitch, and Baltimore

went on to win for only the third time in

"He threw a high fastball that jammed me to death," Ripken said. "I

was really lucky to get the ball out of the

AL ROUNCUP

infield. Sometimes luck plays a pretty

important role in this game, and this was

Red Sox 3, Indians 2 Bret Saberhagen

continued his remarkable comeback,

and Reggie Jefferson and Scott Hat-

teberg hit solo homers as visiting Bos-

Sox's 13th victory in 14 games.

ton beat the Indians. It was the Red

and three hits in six innings, lowering his

ERA to 1.97. He has won all four of his

starts after three years of arm troubles.

singled home the go-ahead run after

Darryl Strawberry's eighth-inning steal,

and New York rallied for its 13th victory

runs — three earned — and five hits in eight innings, sending Detroit to its 10th

Florida, Cecil Fielder broke out of a deep

slump hy driving in three runs with a

single and double, leading Anaheim over

Saberhagen (4-0) allowed one run

Yankees 5, Tigers 4 Chad Curtis

David Wells (3-1) allowed all four

Angels 7, Devil Rays 1 In St. Petersburg,

10 games.

one of those times.

hitter as San Francisco stopped a threegame losing streak and beat visiting Milwankee for the first time in five games this season.

Astros 4, Expos 3 Craig Biggio hit a go-ahead groundout in the ninth as Houston rallied to win in Montreal.

Ricky Gutierrez drew a one-out walk from Ugueth Urbina and advanced to third on a single hy Jack Howell, a pinch hitter. Biggio grounded to second, driving in Gutierrez, who scored the first run this season off Urbina, who has pitched a total of 121/3 innings.

Diamondbacks 4, Marlins 3 In Miami, Matt Williams hit a two-run homer off Vic Darensbourg in the 11th inning his second homer of the game - to give Arizona its first extra-inning victory. Williams was 4-for-5 and raised his home-run total to six this season. It was his 28th multihomer game.

Dodgers 3, Cobs 2 In Los Angeles, Raul Mondesi hit a game-tying homer in the fifth, and Wilton Guerrero scored the go-ahead run on a throwing error by Chicago's pitcher, Jeremi Conzalez, in the sixth. Mark Guthrie earned the victory by pitching a scoreless inning in relief of Darren Dreifort. Guthrie, who has not allowed a run in 11 appearances this season covering 91/4 innings, left the game in the sixth and Guerrero, a pinch hitter, batted for him and doubled.

Eric Young placed a sacrifice bunt to the left of the mound, and Gonzalez threw to first as Guerrero scored.

Tampa Bay. Fielder, who had just seveo

hits in his previous 63 at-bats, brought in

one run with an single off Rolando Arroio

(2-2) in the fourth and a two-run single

White Sox 8, Blue Jays 1 Robin Ven-

tura drove in four runs with three-run homer and an RBI single as host Chicago

won for the second time in eight games

and Toronto lost its fourth game in the

Charlie O'Brien added a three-run

double, and Scott Eyre (1-2) won for the

Rangers 11, Royals 8 Jnan Gonzalez went 3-for-4 with five RBIs to lead

visiting Texas over Kansas City.

Gonzalez, who had two singles, a

double and sacrifice fly, has 29 RBIs in

April. He broke his club record of 25 for

Tom Goodwin went 3-for-5 with

Dean Palmer hit a two-run homer. his

Twins 8, Mariners 2 In Seattle, Roo

eighth, and Jose Offerman went 3-for-4

Coomer's first career grand slam

capped a six-run ninth inning against the

Mariners' hullpen. Javier Valentin also

homered for the Twins, the first of his

Otis Nixon and Alex Ochoa got RBI

singles in the ninth off Mike Timlin (1-2)

before the Twins loaded the bases for

Coomer, who connected off Heathcliff

Slocumb for his first homer this season.

April set in 1996.

for Kansas City.

three RBIs for the Rangers.

first time in five starts this season.

off Jim Mccir in a five-run eighth.

Knicks Rally to Cool Off the Heat

Ward and Childs Combine to Hold Miami's Hardaway to 15 Points

The Associated Press MIAMI — With a burst of emotion and a balanced attack that wes missing in Game 1, the New York Knicks landed a counterpunch Suoday against the

Mìami Heat. John Starks scored 25 points, Allan Houston had 24

and Larry Johnson 22 as the NBA PLAYOFFS

Knicks rallied from a 14point deficit to beat the Heat, 96-86, and even their best-of-5 series at 1-1.

Terry Cummings, who did not even play in Game 1, grabbed 14 rebounds, including five on the offensive end, and two point guards, Charlie Ward and Chris Childs, combined to shut down Tim Hardaway, holding him to 15 points on 4-for-15 shooting to prevent a repeat of his 34-point performance in Game 1.

The two teams will meet again Tuesday for Game 3 in Madison Square Garden, where the Heat's career re-

The Knicks, who were outscored 33-3 from 3-point range in Game 1, this time went 7-for-15 to Miami's 5for-19. New York rallied in the second period by hitting four consecutive 3-pointers — two

each by Starks and Houston. The playoff victory was New York's first since 1984 without Patrick Ewing, who watched from the again

It was another bruising but clean game between two of the National Basketball Association's most hitter rivals. The biggest difference this time was the passion shown by the aging Knicks, who pumped their fists and jumped around like youngsters as they pulled away in the fourth quarter.

Childs even drew an imaginary knife across his throat after hitting a 3-pointer with 1:52 left for an 8-point. Alonzo Mourning, avoiding the foul trouble that plagued him in Game 1, had 30 points and 13 rebounds for Miami.

and Voshon Lenard scored 25 points, a career playoff high. New York took the lead for good oo two free throws by Starks to make it 69-67 with

two minutes left in the third period. Consecutive haskets by Houston and a 3-point play by Starks made it 83-74 with 17 remaining.
Miami closed to 87-82 with

2:28 left on two straight haskets by Mourning, but Childs buried his 3-pointer — and the Heat — with 1:52 to go.

In games played Saturday:

zz 105, Rockets 90 Utah and Houston played another barn-burner with bodies and insults flying all over the court. Utah won to even the first-round series at one game apiece, but both teams know the real series is just starting. "All we really accom-

plished tonight was stopping the bleeding," said John Stockton, who had 17 points and 10 assists. "We're not going to win this thing easily."

Kevin Willis of the Rockets said: "We did some good things, but we let the crowd and the fouls get in our

The Rockets would not go quietly. They had four tecbnical fouls, two disqualifications and one ejection. Houston looked on the verge of a comeback, until Hakeem Olajuwon, who led the Rockets with 16 points, was ejected with 5:19 remaining.

Karl Malone scored 11 of his 29 points in the third quarter as the Jazz outscored Houston, 32-18, and took a 79-60 lead into the fourth.

Hornets 92. Hawks 85 While Glen Rice was sitting on the bench with his fifth foul, Anthony Mason and David Wesley powered a late 13-3 run that sent Charlotte to a victory and a 2-0 lead over Atlanta in their best-of-five playoff series. Mason had nine points and

Wesley four in the surge, which put the Hornets up by 10 with 2:37 left, Mason finished with 25

shifts to Atlanta for the third game Tuesday night. Rice finished with 24 points

and a season-high 13 rebounds, and Wesley added 18 points and six assists for the Homets in a game peppered with 52 personal fouls. Pacers 92, Cavaliers 86

Reggie Miller's 18 points led a halanced attack as the Pacers came back from a 17-point deficit to beat Cleveland

The victory gave Indiana a 2-0 lead in its Eastern Cooference playoff series. The and Wednesday. If a fifth third game will be in Clev-game is needed, it will be third game will be in Cleveland on Monday night. Cleveland closed to 89-86

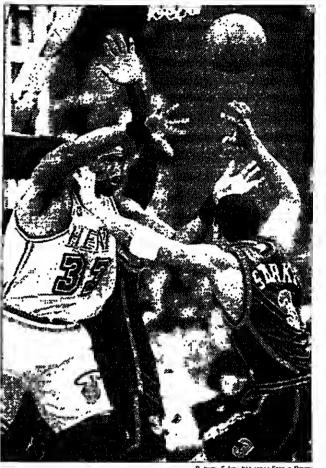
oo a basket by Shawo Kemp with 30 seconds left, but Rose, who finished with 17 points, then hit three free

throws and the Cavaliers Danny Ferry and Wesley Per-

son missed 3-point attempts. Suns 108, Spurs 101 Antonio McDyess had 21 points and 11 rebounds and limited Tim Duncan to half of his Game I scoring output as Phoenix beat San Antonio to even their Western Conference playoff series, 1-1.

Duncan had 16 points, 10 rebounds and 4 blocks. The series moves to San Antonio for games Mooday played Sunday in Phoenix.

Avery Johnson had 20 points and eight assists for the Spars, and David Robinson had 23 points and 16 re-



points to help give Charlotte Miami's Alonzo Mourning and New York's John an imposing edge as the series Starks dueling for the rebound in their game Sunday.

one team just has no chance.

see Tim Duncan.

Van Exel.

I have a hard time understanding how

Phoenix became such a popular favorite

to beat San Antonio. Maybe the Spurs

aren't on television enough for people to

man in the NBA. He could be the best

hig man — period — in the NBA.

Meanwhile Shaquille O'Neal has be-

come the verbal, take-charge, do-it-this-

way-or-get-out leader the Los Angeles

grown up tremendously and has to be

taken off the Knucklehead List is Nick

The other guy on that team who's

Lakers are going to need.

Here's what he is: the best young big

Mediocre Basketball, but Great Theater

MIAMI - You can find better playoff basketball than the New York Knicks vs. Miami Heat. Anywhere. If ering the series. So what happens, ex- only exception, the only series in which it's artistry you want, this isn't the series. What we've got here is thick drama, story lines, subplots, undercurrents, hype, XXL egos, attitude aplenty and (unfortunately) the threat of vio-

You've got two teams full of people who plain don't like each other and a history of controversy. Knicks-Heat is so bitter, so openly nasty, it makes oil and water look like a good mix. In other words, it's irresistible.

Pat Riley's assessment of the series before Miami's victory in Game 1 on Friday night applies just as well for Game 2 on Sunday and whatever follows as the series moves to New York. "The series breaks down to this: New York beats us and loses to anyone else in the next round and they've still made their season," the Heat coach said. "They've purged what is inside them since last season. And they give it to

'We don't want that hitterness. We didn't inflict the sore. They inflicted it themselves, and we happened to be there. And they are very, very, very angry at us for their mistake. If that team is made of anything, it will rise up. So this is the question: Is New York's will greater than ours?"

There you have it: will. Riley has not only invoked it a hundred times already also memorized the dictionary definition and repeated it not just to the team but also to Florida reporters cov-

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activ, when these wills collide? Does it mean there's going to be another fight, like the one in Game 5 last year that led to suspensions for five Knicks? lt's difficult enough to foster a cli-

mate for good basketball when media folks are drawing comparisons to boxing and hockey. But how jacked up are the Miami players if Riley says publicly, as he did the other day: "The storm with the Knicks has been brewing for a long, lond while.

'Nobody survives in sport unless they have some pain, which creates anger, which creates intensity. New York has pain and anger, so they'll come at us

with intensity."

The fascinating thing about this first weekend of the playoffs is that apparently anybody can beat anybody else at any time.

In pro basketball, more than in any other sport, the better team wins. But don't tell that to the New Jersey Nets and Houston Rockets, Seeing one No. 1 seed lose a home game is shocking enough; seeing the Balls need overtime to beat the Nets in Game 1 was almost cataclysmic.

So many of these first-round games are pick-'ems. The Knicks came back and won Game 2 Sunday. Seeing Portland win

Game 2 in Los Angeles wouldn't make

the Timberwolves, that could be the

If the Sonics are simply tou much for

Jalen Rose is off the list, too. What the Pacers had been missing was the allcourt slashing style that Rose brings.

With him, Reggie Miller, Chris Mul-lin, the Davises, Rik Smits, Mark Jackson, etc., the Pacers appear to have too much for Miami to handle in the next round. That's assuming the Hest can get out

of this first round. Assuming Miami does, will the team

bave spent too much energy - emotional and physical - in beating New York? Will this test of wills in the first round leave the Heat drained? Riley said after Miami's victory Friday night that all the hype leading up to this series had made him feel as if this were the NBA Finals. "It's the first round." he said. I wonder whom he was reminding.

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Penguins Even the Score With Montreal Both teams scored on two-man ad-

-PITTSBURGH — The Montreal Canadiens spent all week working on a gimmick defense to contain Jaromir Jagr. Maybe they should have worried more about Stu Barnes and Ron Francis. the other two guys on the Pittshurgh Penguins' premier line.

Barnes scored twice - once when Vladimir Malakhov of Montreal accientally knocked the puck into his own net - and got an assist as the Penguins evened their first playoff series against the Canadiens on Saturday night by winning, 4-1.

Montreal again relied heavily on the modified left-wing lock defense, which features a defenseman rather than a forward at left wing, that neutralized Jagr - the National Hockey League's scoring champion - in Game 1. But this time, Jagr's linemates figured in all four Pittsburgh goals.

'It's not like we made any big adastments, at least consciously," Barnes said. "We just got a few more bounces this game.

vantages in the first period before the Penguins grabbed a 2-1 lead in the second on a shot they did not take. With defenseman Jgor Ulanov occupied with Jagr. Barnes skated un

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consecutive road loss.

impeded across the left circle and was tripped by Malakhov as he went sprawling across the goal line. But Barnes managed to put his stick on the puck, and Malakhov, attempting to swipe it away, inadvertently shot it into his own net for the go-ahead goal at 10:42 of the

"You get lucky sometimes. It had some bounces, didn't it?" Barnes said. This time of the year, you take them

any way you get them. Malakhov refused to comment, but Montreal's goaltender, Andy Moog, said, "I just came off the post a hair, and that's all the puck needs, an inch, and it

slid in there. After that, the Penguins took advan-

tage of the reluctance of the referee, Kerry Fraser, to call penalties after giving each team a two-man advantage in the first period. Fraser called only four more penalties, and Pittsburgh bene-fited from the relaxed officiating to repeatedly disrupt Montreal's up-ice rushes. Montreal was outshot, 24-13, over the first two periods.

Blues 2, Kings 1 In St. Louis, Jim Campbell beat the Los Angeles goaltender, Jamie Storr, with 8:23 left as the Blues took a 2-0 series lead. After being limited to 15 shots in the first two periods, the Blnes turned up the

pressure with 12 shots in the third gainst Storr, a rookie making his first playoff start. The Blnes were 0-for-6 on the power play before the goal from Campbell, who had 22 in the regular season.

Chris Pronger scored in the second period for the Blues, and Grant Fuhr stopped 26 shots for his 82d career playoff victory. Glen Murray scored his second goal

of the playoffs for the Kings.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Rested Bjorn Wins

GOLF Thomas Bjorn overtook Greg Chalmers with a 6-under-par final round of 66 on Sunday to win the Spanish Open in Barcelona.

Bjorn, a Dane, finished one shot ahead of Chalmers, an Australian, who had led the tournament from day one. Chalmers carded 69 to finish at 268. He was tied with Jose Maria Olazabal, who shot a 67.

Bjorn had not played for five weeks. 'It showed me these weeks of rest are very important when you are not feeling comfortable on the course, 'be said. (Reuters) (Reuters)

Jones Is King of the Hill

BOXING Roy Jones Jr., the lightheavyweight champion in the WBC, scored a fourth-round knockout over Virgil Hill, a former IBF and WBA champ, in Biloxi,

Mississippi, on Saturday night. Jones, who had fought just one round in the previous year, showed he is still one of the best pound-forpound fighters in the world.

About a minute into the fourth round. Jones delivered two hard rights. The second, an apparent kidney punch, sent Hill to the canvas in obvious pain. Hill got up, hat the referee stopped the bout. Hill was taken to a hospital with what a ringside doctor said was apparently a fractured rih.

Jones improved to 36-1 with his 31st knockout. Hill is 43-3. (AP) • In Cardiff, Joe Calzaghe, an

unbeaten Welshman, held onto his WBO super-middleweight title Saturday when Juan Carlos Gimenez of Paraguay failed to come out for the 10th round.

It was the first time in 53 contests that Gimenez had lost before the final bell. The Paraguayan never had the punching power to worry the champion.

Five Matches Sold Out

SOCCER France's World Cup organizers sold 15,000 more ockets as they were bombarded by 3.3

million more calls Saturday. A spokesman for the organizing committee said five more matches had been sold out, bringing the total to 12 after four days of sales of the remaining 110,000 first and second round tickets.

The matches sold out on Satorday were Argentina-Japan in Toulouse on June 13 and Argentina-Jamaica in Paris oo June 21, Brazil-Morocco in Nantes on June 16, France-Denmark in Lyon June 24 and England-Colombia in Lens on June 26.

Valderrama. Colombian captain, must settle a debt with the French tax authorities before he can come to France for the World Cup. Valderrama played for Montpellier in France from 1988 to 1991, and left owing taxes of 189,000 francs (\$31,500). The Colombian soccer federa-

tion is reportedly helping the mid-

veteran to settle the

Juventus Beats Inter, 1-0, Nearing League Title

ROME - Alessandro Del Piero won his battle with Ronaldo and, as a result, Juventus of Turin won its battle with Inter Milan, 1-0, Sunday to move closer to its third Italian Serie A title in four years. In a hotly contested match, Del Piero struck a magical goal in the 21st minute

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and although he later missed a penalty shot, Juventus, the league leader, held on to beat second-ranked Inter Milan. Angelo Peruzzi, the Juventus goalie, made two reflex saves in the closing

minutes, first denying Ronaldo and then Ivan Zamorano. "We deserved to win. When you have to suffer on the field, Juventus knows how to suffer." said Marcello Lippi, the Juventus coach. "We played humbly and managed to keep our heads

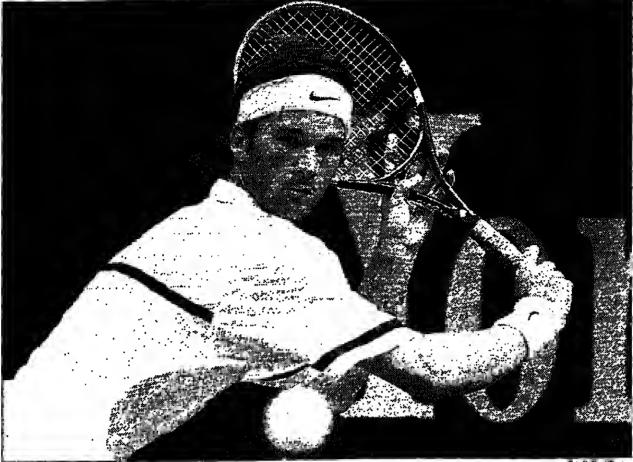
until the end of the game."

Play turned ugly in the second half, with a series of fouls by both teams and the expulsion of Ze Elias, an Inter midfielder, with 11 minutes left. Luigi Simoni, Inter's coach, was ejected in the 70th minute, as his club's six-game winning streak ended. That run had coincided with Ronaldo's six-game scoring streak. But Juventus guarded him tightly Sunday. He threatened to score on three occasions, and was at the center of the

episode that led to Simoni's expulsion. Ronaldo collided with Mark Iuliano in the Juventus penalty area, No foul was called. Juventus counterattacked, and Taribo West fouled Del Piero. The referee called that penalty, then turned to send off Simoni, who had raced onto the field to argue that Ronaldo had been fouled at the other end.

"I was too high-strung, and the referee was right to throw me out," Simoni





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SPORTS

Carlos Moya preparing to hit a return to Cedric Pioline in the final of the Monte Carlo Open on Sunday.

Moya Shines on Monte Carlo Clay 21-Year-Old Spaniard Controls Match With Pioline for Trophy

By Christopher Clarey

MONTE CARLO - Last April, a 21year-old Spanish speaker with long. dark hair and precocious groundstrokes won his first major professional tournament at the Monte Carlo Country Club. Then Marcelo Rios went on to

become No. 1 in the world. It will be intriguing to watch what happens to Carlos Moya in the months and events ahead. Born and reared on the Spanish island of Majorca, the 21year-old Moya also possesses exceptional ability and hair that dangles below his collar, and on Sunday at the Moote Carlo Open, he won what the injured Rios was unable to defend.

I hope I can become No. 1 as he did, but it's more difficult," Moya said. "You have to win a few more like this, eveo a Grand Slam, to get there. I don't think Marcelo would have said be was going to

become No. 1 after just one year. France, 6-3, 6-0, 7-5, but be did his best work earlier in the week, disposing of the former French Open champions Thomas Muster and Yevgeni Kafelnikov in straight sets and then doing the same to his countryman Alex Corretja, the most consistent player on clay last seasoo. Moya's toughest match came in the semifinals Saturday, when he de-feated Richard Krajicek, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

As tough as that victory was, it was not nearly as taxing as Pioline's semifinal victory over Alberto Berasategui of Spain. Despite reaching the final of has rarely been a player to inspire crowds, even in France. An introvert, be does not exude passion, and his powerful all-court game is more efficient than

The Monte Carlo Country Club is technically on French territory, harely 100 meters (325 feet) across the border from Monaco, and, this time, Pioline

was genuinely inspirational at home. Pioline trailed 5-1 in the third set before finding a way to solve the enormous riddle of Berasategui's unorthodox forehand. After saving two match points, the exhausted Frenchman rallied to win in the tiebreaker, 7-5, and then underwent extensive treatment to prepare for the final.

Midway through the opening set on Sunday, it became clear that Moya was the fresher man. Trailing 4-3, Pioline rubbed at his right elbow on the changeover and then called for the trainer after losing the oext two games. He In the final, Moya—ranked No. 18 in finished the match with an elastic brace the world—beat Cedric Pioline of oo his elbow, and though be lifted his game and the crowd's mood in the final

any consistency. "I would have loved to have had another miracle today like yesterday, hut it wasn't to be," said Pioline, who

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Wimhledon and the U.S. Open, Pioline has lost 12 of the 14 finals he has played OO TOUL

Moya reached the Australian Open final on a hard court last year, losing to Pete Sampras and finishing the season ranked seventh. This year, he started poorly, losing early in Australia and losing self-assurance in the process. But after winning the decisive match against Fernando Meligeni in the first round of the Davis Cup in Brazil, he has regained his edge and rhythm.

The most striking part of his performance Sunday was not his varied shot-making. It was his movement.

Like Rios, he covers buge stretches of court with apparent ease. And though Berasategui beat him in the semifinals in the season's first two clay-court events in Estoril, Portugal, and Barcelona. Moya is now just as much a threat to win the apcoming French Opeo as his occasional practice partner.

The key will be negotiating the everfine and dusty line between preparing

fully and overplaying.
"I don't think I'm going to be tired in Paris," be said. "I'm used to playing almost every week, so nothing is going to change in my schedule after this

Meanwhile, the Monte Carlo Opeo's future as one of the tour's elite events is hardly assured despite its illostrious tradition and high level of recognition worldwide. The ATP Tour is attempting to restructure its circuit hefore 2000. If the tour decides to reduce its Super 9 series to seven or eight events, Monte Carlo's lack of a significant televisioo base could mean demotion.

Coulthard **Dominates** Hits Stocks San Marino Grand Prix

Report of the flatter from the second descriptions of the flatter from the second seco IMOLA, Italy - David Coulthand led from start to finish Sunday to win the San Marino Grand Priz. Michael Schumacher and Eddie Irvine driving Ferraris, finished second

and third. Mika Hakkinen, Cosifhard's team. mate at McLaren, retired pointless from this Grand Prix race.

Hakkinen, who won the first markers of the season still leads drivers' standings with 26 points.
Coulthard climbed to second place with 23 points, and Schumacher now ranks third with 20.

"It was very important for me that I won this race," said Coulthard." And it is very important for the championship. I had to close the gap on Mika here and this was the perfect way to do it.

Coulthard came home just 4.5 seconds ahead of Schumacher after the Ferrati driver had revived hopes among the fans packed into the team's home circuit with

vain charge on the closing laps. schumacher was 20.7 seconds behind after his second and final pit stop on the 47th lap, but although he narrowed the gap. Coulthard remained in control.

Schumacher said, "It was obvious Development and the second was supported by the second was supporte

David was just cruising and driving the car home. I was pushing because Inever give up until the checkered flag comes down, hut I didn't really think I had a

chance. Irvine finished third, 51.7 seconds behind Schumacher. The two Williams cars were next. Jacques Villeneuve, the defending world champion, finished

Coulthard's victory was his first since the Italian Grand Prix at Monza last year and the fourth of his career. His victory was the third in the four races so far this

seasoo for the McLareo team. Hakkinen ran second to Coulthard for laps before retiring with a gearbox problem. By then, the heat of 30 degrees centigrade (86 degrees Fahrenheit) on the track had begun to create brake and tire problems for all the teams, and car after car retired. Only 11 of the 22 starters finished the race.

Schumacher drove strongly and af-terward said be could still win his third world title.

"It is going to be close, but the McLarens will be difficult to catch," said. "I think we have done all we can with our car - from now on it is going to be down to the tires and the progress we can make with Goodyear in the cootest against Bridgestone."

On Sunday, Coulthard was the only driver in the top six using Bridgestone

It was a nightmare race for the Stewart team. In the opening lap, Jan Magnussen ran into the back of the car driven by his teammate, Rubens Barrichello. Barrichello's rear wing was ripped off and he spun off and out of the race. Magnussen was forced to retire a few laps later. (AFP, Reuters)

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